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Jo Twist OBE



Question	Answer
1. Where was Jo born?	
2. Jo had a squint when she was young. What did her optician recommend to help cure this?	
3. Jo attended an expensive boarding school in Edinburgh. What does she say it taught her?	
4. While at university Jo studied internet cafes. She compared them to which coffee houses?	
5. What does Jo say that all journalists could learn by working at the BBC programme Newsround?	
6. Why did Jo move to Channel 4 in 2010?	
7. Why were some of her team surprised when she started her job as CEO at The Association for UK Interactive Entertainment?	
8. Jo is involved in the charity SpecialEffect. What does this charity do?	

Use the Archives of IT website to find out more about Michael Taylor at archivesit.org.uk/interviews/dr-michael-taylor



Dr Michael Taylor



Question	Answer
1. What job did Michael apply for at the age of 14 years old?	
2. Why did Michael leave school after taking O Levels (GCSEs) and before the sixth form?	
3. What are the good things about apprenticeships in Michael's view?	
4. What did Michael work on with the physics group at the Radar Research Establishment?	
5. Where did Michael complete his Chartered Engineer (CEng) training?	
6. For some years Michael worked in his family's boatbuilding and marine engineering business. What did this teach him?	
7. While working for the Met Police, Michael's team set up a system to share intelligence information. On the first day the prototype system used live data what did they find?	

Use the Archives of IT website to find out more about Sue Black at archivesit.org.uk/interviews/sue-black-obe

Sue Black OBE



Question	Answer
1. What did Sue save up her pocket money to buy?	
2. How many O Levels (GCSEs) does Sue have and how many A Levels did she get at school?	
3. Why did Sue decide to study computing at university?	
4. While at university Sue found that only 10% or so of the computing students were women. How does she describe this experience?	
5. How did Sue go about setting up BCS Women and how many members did the group have initially?	
6. What made Sue angry about Bletchley Park?	
7. Where has the #techmums programme been running?	
8. How did Sue use Twitter to help Bletchley Park?	

Use the Archives of IT website to find out more about Andy Ayim at archivesit.org.uk/interviews/andy-ayim



Andy Ayim



Question	Answer
1. What famous Zulu quote is mentioned in Andy's interview?	
2. Who first introduced Andy to the idea of entrepreneurship and what did she do?	
3. Working with two other students while he was at university Andy launched Saffirm. What is Saffirm?	
4. What is the name of the passion project Andy, his brother and friends started while he was at Ernst & Young?	
5. What does Andy describe as one of his proudest achievements at WorldFirst?	
6. Backstage Capital specialises in investing in which start-ups?	
7. Which US President did Andy meet?	
8. What does Andy believe that we need in order to ensure that new industries and technology are built to reflect society?	

Use the Archives of IT website to find out more about Simon Peyton-Jones at archivesit.org.uk/interviews/simon-peyton-jones



Simon Peyton-Jones



Question	Answer
1. What was Simon named after?	
2. Which computer did Simon first use to write programmes?	
3. How does Simon describe his fellow students studying maths at Cambridge and how did this make him feel?	
4. What did Simon find daunting about his job at Beale Electronic Systems?	
5. Simon was appointed as a Professor at Glasgow University when he was 32 years old. Why did the university tell him they wanted a young professor?	
6. Who is the Haskell programming language named after?	
7. What does Simon describe as one of the biggest challenges for the IT industry today?	
8. What does Simon try to do when he receives an annoying email at work?	

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Dr Catherine Breslin



Question	Answer
1. Where did Catherine go to school?	
2. What was her favourite subject?	
3. Which organisation sponsored Catherine's degree at Trinity College Oxford?	
4. What does Catherine believe that we will not want to lose despite all of the devices we have today?	
5. What products did Catherine work on at Amazon?	
6. What was the challenge that Catherine faced at Amazon?	
7. What does Catherine do at Cobalt Speech?	
8. What two things does Catherine think we need to do to attract more girls and women into technology?	