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When I left university I was lucky enough to get my first job in a company called Camco as a design engineer. We designed, produced and tested equipment that is used to control flow in oil wells. We design product that goes all over the world and I have travelled with the company to places as far afield as Norway, Canada, Mexico and Singapore. Camco was acquired by Schlumberger in the late 1990's so I have worked with the same company my whole career.

My jobs have changed from design engineering to customer service to supply chain and finally into production and I have worked both here and in Texas. I am fortunate to have a challenging and varied career. Every day is different which keeps me constantly challenged and interested.

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." – Arthur Ashe. Arthur Ashe may have been a tennis player but this has been just as useful advice in my career as an engineer.

The other piece of advice I can offer is never let anyone tell you it can't be done but it just isn't the norm. It can!