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Full-Stack Developer

your future matters

Job title / brief description of what you do:

I'm a Full-Stack Developer. Within my job, I build, create and maintain web and mobile applications. This involves coding in various development languages.

How did you get into your job?

When I was younger I had no idea what I wanted to do. I went through school, college and then went to university and completed a degree in Leadership and Management. After this, I got a job in Marketing and PR which I was in for over seven years. I then decided I needed a change and attended a development bootcamp (Northcoders) in Leeds for three months that taught me what I needed to know to enter into programming and web development.

What personal qualities do you need to do your job?

Although programming and development seems like a very maths-heavy and technical career, there are a lot of other skills that are required to plan and write great code. Great problem solving is needed to allow you to think of solutions, creativity is required to decide how you're going to build your solution and you will have to have patience as you're not always going to get something to work the first time. I also would say you have to be willing to continue to learn as there is lots that can be learnt to help you progress and there are always new technologies that are emerging. Finally, although development can be a solo job most of the time, communication and the ability to work within a team are a must as you need to be able to work with others to discuss how you can approach new projects or features and also be able to listen and learn from others to help your own development.

Who has been the most influential person in your life for helping you to get where you are today?

I don't think there has been one person that has been most influential to me. I think I've been influenced by the environments I've been in and the media I've chosen to consume. I love hearing stories about local people who've done well and they inspire me to continue to learn and progress.

What would you tell your 16 year old self if you could go back and give them some advice?

Seek out and take up as many opportunities as possible to gain more insight into possible job roles. As a 16 year old, I didn't have any idea of what I wanted to do as a career, but I also didn't have a great knowledge of what was out there. I think it's important for young people to be exposed to as many different sectors and career options as possible to help them decide what they might like to do as a job in the future and what they definitely don't want to do. It's all great experience which will help open their mind to the possibilities.