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What inspired you to pursue the career path that you are on?

My IT teacher in school encouraged me to join a programming club, which I never thought I would enjoy until I tried it! This kick-started my interest in tech. After school, I explored different options, and applied for both full time university degrees, and an apprenticeship. I was lucky to gain a spot on the apprenticeship where I studied ½ day a week and worked the remainder of the week which allowed me to gain a lot of industry experience at an early age.

What does a typical day for you look like?

A typical day begins by logging on at 8am and preparing for any calls, and writing a to-do list for the day. At 9:30 am I have a daily stand up with my team to discuss progress and any blockers and throughout the day I have meetings with the team to review work or with stakeholders to gather or validate requirements, and demo progress and I also maintain the backlog for the team.

Tell us about an accomplishment you are proud of?

I am proud of being nominated for Young Female Stem Pioneer in the Diversity in Tech Awards. This recognises the work that I have been doing with schools and colleges, including being a Bring IT On Ambassador, organising work experience for students to come into Version 1, and my involvement with the Women In Tech conference where I talk about how I got into IT and share advice for other young females.

How do you continue to grow professionally?

I continue to grow by making new connections and being open to new opportunities. For example, I recently applied to become part of the Shadow Board at Version 1. The Shadow Board is a forum made up of a diverse group of younger members of the Version 1 team, all under the age of 30 - a generation who make up a large portion not only of our own company, but of our customers' companies and our customers' customers. The group is sponsored by the CEO and its primary directive is to provide insights, feedback, and ideas to senior decision-makers in the business, representing their generation's perspective.

How do you define success?

In IT, I would define success as being able to look at a project you have been involved in and knowing that the project is bringing real value and benefit to its users. In your career, I would define success as knowing that you have put your best effort in each day and continually learning and growing from any mistakes you make.

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