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Introduce yourself. Where do you work? What is your job role?

My name is Peter, I'm a 26-year-old Software Developer with Liberty IT and have been with the company for two and a half years.

What does your job entail?

My team in Liberty IT is currently developing a system which will let our customers service their personal insurance accounts online. Day-to-day I will usually find myself writing code in JavaScript or TypeScript and liaising with our teams who are based out of Belfast, Dublin, and Boston. We have a cutting-edge tech stack and are fully cloud based with Amazon Web Services (AWS).

How did you get into this line of work?

I always knew I wanted to 'make' things; I didn't really know what. As a kid I would play a lot of video games which led me to mess around with computers more. I began to make small mods for games and building computers. This led me to do a degree in Software Engineering at the University of Ulster and I graduated in 2020.

Outline your career to date

As part of my degree, in 2018, I got a placement with PwC as a Research Analyst. Here I worked as a Data Analyst for a year before heading back to finish my degree. In 2020 I graduated and joined Liberty IT as an Associate Software Engineer, becoming a Software Engineer a year later.

Tell us about your qualifications and training

At A-Level I studied Physics, Maths, and ICT. I went on to study Software Engineering at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown where I gained a First Class Honours. I've done a lot of additional training since joining Liberty as they have a fantastic training program which leverages external companies and resources such as Pluralsight.

What qualities are required for your job – personal and professional?

I'd say curiosity is one of the more important qualities – it's a quality that is vital to have to help you learn and progress within the role. Social and communication skills are often over-looked when it comes to Software Engineers, but I think they are invaluable when it comes to working with others, especially with teams in other countries.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

"You can only win what's in front of you. Learn from your mistakes but never dwell on them."

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I play football and American Football. I enjoy travelling, especially if I'm able to fit a ski trip in.

Tell us an interesting fact about yourself?

I've backpacked around Thailand.

Who has inspired you most in your life?

My dad.

What advice would you give your 16-year-old self?

No one has ever solved a problem by worrying about it.