A developing career

Despite only graduating a few years ago, Tom’s career in web development has gone from strength to strength. After leaving Hertfordshire with a first in Computer Science, Tom initially joined a design agency as a Junior Web Developer. He was promoted twice within two years, to become a Senior Web Developer responsible for a small team of developers.

‘It was during my first role after graduating that I liaised with an external hosting company on an important project. Through this I got to know Nimbus Hosting and was offered a position to lead a major project developing a new server control panel. My day to day activities involve managing all aspects of the project, from liaising with designers to implementing the functionality.’

Learning and progression

Part of the reason that Tom decided to study at Hertfordshire was its history and reputation – in 2015/16 the School of Computer Science celebrated 50 years of the undergraduate degree. This legacy means that Tom’s degree provided him with the fundamentals, whilst also allowing him scope to find out what he was interested in and which area he wanted to work in. ‘The most useful thing was being able to cover an extensive range of topics, from which I was able to find out what I really enjoyed. Without the foundation I received at University, I wouldn’t have been able to progress so quickly in my career.’

Despite having completed formal education, Tom is adamant that on-going development, both personal and professional, is vital. ‘I thoroughly enjoyed the continual progression I was able to achieve, which continued once I left university. I believe that the key to progressing within this sector is continual development through self-directed learning. Keeping up to date with current techniques and technologies is extremely important.’

Future plans

Still living and working in Hertfordshire means that Tom isn’t too far away from UH and those he studied alongside. ‘The best memories I have from my time at Hertfordshire were meeting likeminded people who I was able to work alongside.’

And what about the future? Tom is keen to continue to progress his career whilst also supporting those starting out in the industry. ‘I would like to lead a larger team of developers whilst still maintaining the technical side of my role. I would also like to mentor more developers and help them to progress their careers where possible.’

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