Life at CPC

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Describe your typical day....

I am currently fully utilised on a project where my role is a Project Manager. My typical day involves updating the client in the morning on the previous days' activities and any upcoming issues. I will then look into what are the key milestones this week and do I have everything in order to ensure a successful outcome. Finally, I will plan for the weeks ahead liasing with various aspects of the business from the contractor to our client's team while also trying to close out any outstanding issues. At the end of the day, I am currently working with my team within CPC Systems, on the development of CPC's 'PMAS app' which will go live this month (August). The app will allow a much more streamlined and easier way of completing CPC's staff appraisal (PMAS) process.

How did you get started?

I recently returned from Australia (Melbourne) where I was working as a site engineer on the metro tunnel project. I decided to cut my time short due to being away from family during the covid pandemic, which was an uncomfortable situation. My closest friend works within CPC and we actually graduated and started our first job together. I had made the decision I wanted to move away from engineering/delivery and into a consultant/management role, so I put forward my CV and the rest is history!

What do you love about your job?

The exposure. As a typical engineer I would only look after one project. However, since being at CPC I'm involved in app development and auditing – both of which I've never had experience in – so, it definitely has been enjoyable! Additionally, the project I am seconded to has allowed me to further develop my skill sets and I believe without CPC I would not have had the opportunity to work as a Project Manager on a project of this size.

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What advice do you have for those thinking about a career in systems engineering?

I would definitely say go for it! If you are someone like me who will get bored of doing something over and over again then system engineering is definitely the place for you. There will be no shortage of a variety of work to get your teeth stuck into and we have a great team who are always happy to help when called upon.

What do you like doing outside of work?

I am an inconsistent goer of the gym! I'm working on becoming consistent. I like to play games to unwind and switch off. Call of Duty Warzone has really helped during the pandemic as we can socialise online with our friends. I have a terrible/expensive hobby of collecting limited sneakers and my collection is becoming absurd. Lockdown hasn't helped my habit. I am a Manchester United fan and looking forward to having football back on our screens and can't wait to actually go back to a game!

What has been your biggest challenge since the Covid-19 pandemic?

Keeping my mental health in check! I like to think I'm quite laid back and bubbly with a positive attitude, but it's definitely been tested during the past two years. Like I mentioned before, gaming has been a massive saving grace during these times.

What is/would your alternative career be?

Easy. A pilot. This has never changed for as long as I can remember. My favourite thing about going on holiday is getting on a plane. Unfortunately, back in college I wasn't too clued up on the process and now its far too expensive. Maybe I'll go for my pilot license and learn to fly but that dream will just be a dream!

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