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Job: Developer

Company: AutoTrader

I am a software developer at AutoTrader in Manchester. I currently work on the backend code on the part of the AutoTrader website that enables individual customers to place adverts.

Curious

Community-minded

Determined

The skills I use most in my job...Problem-solving

- Communication
- Googling :-)
- Java, SQL

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far...I am relatively new to coding but so far I am loving my job at AutoTrader. What I find most interesting and rewarding is seeing code that I've worked on in the live system being used by customers and colleagues.

What inspired me into digital and tech...I was attracted by the fact that it is an ever-evolving industry, there is lots to learn and plenty of interesting jobs out there.

My educational background is... I took a roundabout route to becoming a developer. I have a degree in Modern Languages. After working for a few years and spending some time travelling, I went to Law School and qualified as a solicitor, specialising in Wills, Trusts and Probate. After over 10 years in law and having had my two children, I was ready for a new career direction. Long story short, I did a coding bootcamp, mainly in Javascript, and got a job as a junior developer.

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech... Please do consider a career in digital and tech. There are so many interesting, creative roles and a shortage of people to fill them. You don't need to have a technical background for many jobs and for other ones you can do all sorts of training courses to help you develop the skills.