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Aimee's always had an interest in computers, but she certainly wasn't planning on pursuing a career in ICT – she wanted to be an economist. However halfway through her first year at Otago University, she changed her mind. "I did some first year IT courses at uni and really enjoyed it, so I decided to move in that direction." Aimee ended up with a First Class Honours Bachelor of Commerce and Information Science.

Upon completion of her degree, Aimee moved to Christchurch in pursuit of a job, which she says wasn't hard to find (although she admits that the Honours degree certainly did help). Aimee chose the role of software tester as she could see it would lead into the business analyst role – an area she'd like to get into in the future.

On a day-to-day basis Aimee works alongside a team of testers to ensure that the HP products meet the client requirements. "We develop test plans and test scripts, and then execute them and verify that the expected results were met."

Aimee concedes that on the surface it looks like a geeky job, but says it's really not geeky at all. "There's lots of opportunity and variety and the money's good too." But for Aimee, good money is certainly not the best thing about her role. For her, the most rewarding thing is the job satisfaction. "It's great knowing that you've verified systems of quality and that the customers will be happy."

In the future Aimee could head into a development role or perhaps project management, but she has her sights firmly set on a business analyst role – and she's pretty confident that HP will help her work towards her goal.