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For Blair, working at a company that creates technology solutions for the visually impaired is perfect. He gets the benefit of working with products that are really clever and says, “It’s nice to know that what you’re doing is helping people, not just making someone money.”

Blair’s been in the ICT industry for nine years and has a Bachelor of Electrical and Electronic Engineering and a Masters in Engineering Management from the University of Canterbury under his belt. According to Blair, the degree was great as it gave a broad education, opening doors to quite a range of technology-related jobs. And, as he plans to head into project management one day, the Masters will pay off in years to come.

After starting his career in hardware, Blair gradually began to specialise in the software side of things. Here he enjoys developing and maintaining software, trying different things out and solving issues. “It can be challenging keeping up with new technology, but generally the work environment’s not too stressful. And you get a real sense of achievement out of creating something that works and is exactly what the client wants.”

Blair’s been with HumanWare for two years, prior to which he worked in a variety of roles, including a three and a half year stint in the UK. His current software development role is one he’s really enjoying, so Blair plans to stick at that for a few years yet – although his long term goal is to get into project management.

“It’s definitely a career that keeps changing. If you think it’s interesting at the beginning, it will stay interesting – you won’t get bored of it!”