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Karl has been interested in computers from a very young age, so for him a career in software development just came naturally.

After studying maths and physics at school, Karl channeled this knowledge, along with his interest in computers and computer games, into a Bachelor of Information and Communication Technologies degree at CPIT. Karl says the skills he learnt here were very practical and he now applies them to his everyday work.

When it came to securing a job, Karl had no trouble. “In the last semester of my degree we did a cooperative project with industry. I did mine with Jade and halfway through it they offered me a job.” This was great news for Karl, who’d already put together a list of prospective places where he’d like to be employed, with Jade at the top of the list.

Karl’s driven by problem solving, so finds his role at Jade very rewarding. “I like the variety of challenges and constantly learning new things. You get a good sense of achievement too.” Although Karl admits that sometimes it can be hard work, he says that Jade do a good job of progressing the level of difficulty as they think you can handle it. “I’ve been assigned to work directly underneath experts, so I’ve had some awesome opportunities to learn from very talented people.”

So what does the future hold for Karl? Well, he wants to continue in a software programming role and, in fact, wants to go as far as it will take him. Karl’s also keen to promote the role to others as well. “If you like being challenged and solving problems, this really is a very rewarding career.”