



Will Rathbun
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Ask Will about what he loves about his job as a mechanical test engineer and he'll say that it's that he gets to break stuff for a living. Ask him what he finds challenging and he sheepishly replies, "Sometimes I can't find out why they've broken!"

So what exactly does Will do? Well, he evaluates Tait's radio products in a mechanical sense, looking at things like sealing or robustness. "I have to find out why things break or might break."

For Will, the hands-on work he does each day is particularly enjoyable and he finds it really rewarding to see products go out into the field knowing that they will last because of his input.

Will secured his role as a mechanical test engineer at Tait straight after completing a Bachelor Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Canterbury and says that finding a job wasn't hard at all!

Despite having had gained his qualification and spent 15 months in the workforce, Will's training certainly hasn't stopped. "I have a mentor who is immensely helpful. We work very closely together and I basically learn everything from him."

Will's looking forward to learning lots more in the next few years, although he admits that he's not entirely sure where his career could take him. "When it comes to mechanical engineering there seems to be almost limitless options."