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I joined Version 1 in June 2021 and so far, I'm really enjoying it. It is a company that really lives by its core values and invests in its employees. All the people I've met so far have been so helpful and welcoming.

My role involves working as part of the Oracle ERP Cloud implementation team, using my financial knowledge, and understanding of the ERP application to contribute to helping our customers maximize their Oracle investment.

Outside work I'm a keen photographer and love the outdoors. When I'm not working, you'll most likely find me up a mountain with my camera!

What does your typical day look like?

As I am still relatively new to the role, I spend part of my time completing training to build my knowledge of the Oracle ERP Cloud system. The rest of my time is spent working on implementation projects. Some examples of tasks that are part of implementation projects are: running workshops to gain an understanding of the client's processes and needs, configuring the system, testing the system, and training users on how to use the system.

What are you currently working on?

I'm currently working on the ERP implementation for one of our financial services clients. We are in the initial stages so are currently holding workshops to ensure we understand the client's current processes and present on how Oracle ERP Cloud can be configured to meet their needs.

What inspired you to join this company in particular?

- The core values
- The career progression opportunities available
- The employee engagement initiatives



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Did you always want to work in this industry (tech)?

No. I graduated with a Business degree in 2012 and from there went on to pursue a career as a Chartered Accountant. After 8 years of working in Finance I wanted to try something new. After talking to some friends in this industry and doing a bit of research of my own I decided to move into the tech industry. I enrolled in a conversion MSc Software Development course in 2020 to reskill and this has led me to where I am today.

What's your favourite part about your work?

The work is rewarding and varied – no two implementations are the same. The people I work with are also great! Everyone is very supportive and inclusive.

What would you say to other people considering a job in this industry (tech)?

- Tech is a growing industry with a wealth of roles and opportunities and career progression.
- The wide range of career options can be overwhelming, so I'd recommend that you go to company open days and talk to people already in tech roles to help you find out what parts appeal to you most.
- It's never too late to move into this industry



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How do you see this technology impacting on our lives?

The future impacts of technology are limitless! Today, technology is impacting almost every aspect of our lives. It is allowing us to benefit from things like flexible working, easy access to information (who hasn't asked Google something?), improved worldwide communication channels and medical innovations. As time goes on the beneficial impacts of technology will continue to evolve and grow. There are some negative impacts that shouldn't be ignored as well, such as data privacy and health impacts, so we need to ensure that everyone is aware of these and the measures can be put in place to mitigate them, especially as technology advances further.

Who inspired you to work in this field?

The Version 1 employees who I spoke with inspired me to go into this field. They helped me to see what career opportunities existed where I could merge both my skills in Finance with my skills in Tech.

What do you consider to be the most important tech innovation or development in recent years?

I think the most important tech innovations developed in recent years are those within medicine e.g., 3D printed and robotic prosthetic devices, transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) and the use of VR in medicine

What tech gadget could you not live without?

My smartphone. It's hard to remember life without one! I use it for everything, from keeping in touch with my friends, to capturing photo memories, to navigating on my travels.

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