

# Zeina Zkeih



FDM\*

After graduating in Petroleum Engineering from Nottingham Trent University and earning a master's degree in Engineering Management, I decided to look for a new opportunity to explore the IT industry and fulfil a personal interest in coding languages and software lifecycle. FDM helped me tap into my creative side and integrate it with my knowledge in coding to create a fully developed product from scratch.

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The professional training and continuous support I received throughout my journey with FDM allowed me to have endless opportunities within an organisation, which meant I was equipped with the necessary technical and soft skill set to work in any tech role. I'm currently working as an Associate Exploratory QA at a global financial services organisation, where I interact with various stakeholders to understand the requirements and business expectation of the company mobile applications.



Nottingham Trent University,  
Petroleum Engineering



Associate Exploratory QA

As customer needs are constantly evolving along with the technology advancements, new features are being rolled out and this is where I come in. I'm involved in every step of the feature development to ensure both functionality and design are of a high quality to match the company values and standards. As part of the Mobile Release Team, I also raise and classify defects based on their severity and priority to business.

Recently I was handed the responsibility to be a global tester, which meant that I would be required to have all the information and knowledge needed to accommodate and support any market across the globe. My biggest accomplishment was becoming a Software Tester from my background in Petroleum Engineering.

I was able to turn my world around and be a versatile professional with so much knowledge in different fields that served as a key to unlock any industry I wish to explore next.

# Ryan Seaton



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Before joining FDM, I graduated in Accounting & Finance from Nottingham Trent University and worked as a Junior Account Assistant throughout my studies. I also undertook a placement year auditing a homeless housing associations training department. Today I work as a Business Analyst/ Project Manager on a global rollout and my day-to-day responsibilities consists of communicating and liaising with senior stakeholders in all regions of the world to understand their current processes and transition them to a new system and processes, whilst reporting on progress to senior members of the bank to ensure we meet deadlines set.



Nottingham Trent University,  
Accounting & Finance



Business Analyst/ Project Manager

I am really proud to be able to represent the bank on a global level alongside senior stakeholders, and internal promotions working across multiple verticals and releases in various roles, simultaneously.

During my time at university, I have learnt the ability to manage my time and prioritise workload in order to meet demanding timelines whilst communicating and setting clear expectations, which really helped me in my role on client site.

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# Luther-King Ekama



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Prior to relocating to the UK and joining FDM, I worked in the nonprofit sector as a Programme Officer and Director for two leadership development organisations in Nigeria. I have graduated in International Relations from Covenant University and achieved a master's degree in International Development from Nottingham Trent University.

I decided to apply for the FDM's graduate programme because although I was also passionate about the tech industry, I had no clue as to how to get into the industry having no tech skills.

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Nottingham Trent University,  
International Development



Junior z/OS Systems Programmer  
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The programme was a fantastic launchpad into the tech industry for me. I'm currently placed with a global financial giant as a Junior z/OS Systems Programmer (Sysprog), working on the company's mainframe systems. As a z/OS Sysprog, I work with my team to keep one of the company's critical business-supporting tech, the mainframe, running and in support. These mainframe systems support a significant portion of the company's business services. My role at the client site has been a really interesting one, especially as it's been a steep learning curve for me.

During my time at university, I have gained some skills that have been extremely useful for my current role; these include critical thinking, problem solving, the ability to form relationships and collaborate with others on group tasks, and computer and tech proficiency skills.