ELBA A Day in the life of...

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MY COMPANY IS...

Accenture is a global professional services company with leading capabilities in digital, cloud and security. Combining experience and specialised skills across more than 40 industries, we offer Strategy and Consulting, Interactive, Technology and Operations services—all powered by the world's largest network of Advanced Technology and Intelligent Operations centres. We embrace the power of change to create value and shared success for our clients, people, shareholders, partners and communities.

MY ALARM GOES OFF...

My typical daily routine is different every day and depends heavily on what I am doing. I am a morning person, so I wake up at 6am every workday, get ready and leave home at 7am. On my train/bus route, I listen to music or podcasts, reply to emails on my phone, or read. I'll eat breakfast at my desk at 8:30am and my meetings start at 9am. I dress in smart casuals, so dresses, jumpers, jeans, blouses, trousers, heeled boots (sometimes smart trainers).

I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR...

I work on 4 delivery projects as a Project Manager for Financial Services clients. We are enhancing the business's Voice Telephony Platform. My role includes managing resourcing and deliverables across the projects, speaking with clients, brainstorming solutions, gathering requirements, managing changes in the client's infrastructure and working with senior stakeholders.

I GOT MY JOB...

I studied BSc Computer Science with Management at King's College London. My first relevant job to my education was for Pervian Ltd, a marketing and financial printing company where I joined their Technical team as a summer intern. This was unpaid in salary but my travel to and back from work was reimbursed. I then worked at Accenture as an intern for a year from which I gained my graduate job offer! I heard about Accenture through a Technology Networking Event called 'ITs not just for the Boys!'

Senior

Analyst

Professional

Services

AT SCHOOL I STUDIED...

I studied English, IT, Biology and Chemistry. I studied my A levels abroad so it's a bit different there.

All the interpersonal, technical skills and the experience I learnt from studying abroad have helped me in my career.

MY TYPICAL DAY...

I start at my desk at 8:30am. I spend 30 mins reading all emails, writing down my to do list for the day and then my meetings start at 9am and on a good day they will finish at 2pm. I'll eat my lunch on one of the afternoon calls. My lunch would mostly be homemade like Indian but sometimes, I decide to eat out. After 2pm, I'll take a 15 minute break where I either walk outside or spend that time with work friends before I come back to my desk to start my to do list for the day. I'll work until 5:30pm and then log off for the evening and make my way home.

THE KEY SKILLS I USE IN MY JOB...

I have developed my skills over time from practice. Being at Accenture for over 2 years has given me a lot of opportunity to practice them. Below is a snippet of the skills I require:

- Time Management
- Leadership
- People skills
- Change Management
- Technical Agile Delivery skills

THE BEST PART OF MY JOB IS...

The best part of my job and the firm is the people. I am usually motivated or demotivated by the people around me therefore, a good group of them is important for my career progression and general happiness at work. I work with great people on my projects and my side work for the company. I learn a lot from these people every day whether it is technical skills, interpersonal, direct or indirectly.

MY ROLE MODEL GROWING UP WAS...

This may be strange to hear, but I didn't have an inspiration growing up. Everyone would name a famous person, or their mum, and my mum inspires me a lot more now that I know how hard she has worked for our family.

Today, I am truly inspired by the Obamas. I'm writing this after watching the David Letterman show with Obama. I also admire Amal Clooney and Ellen Degeneres

AFTER WORK...

My evening routines are quite short during business days. I finish work by 5:30-6:00pm. I take the train/bus to the gym, join a 45 mins spin call class at 7:30pm and walk 10 mins home. I'll eat my dinner and watch youtube/ Netflix at around 9pm for an hour. My dinner would consist of anything homemade like Indian, pasta or soups. I'll then clean up the kitchen/house and tuck away into bed by 10:30pm for a 6am start the next day.

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MY PLAN B...

I genuinely never had a plan B growing up. In fact, I didn't have a plan A. It wasn't until when I started applying for universities that I started thinking about what career I wanted. I guess if not Consulting, I'd probably be in Strategy or Marketing or doing my own thing!