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Degree course	BSc (Hons) Computer Science
Current year of study:	3rd year
Internship details:	Media Technology Intern
How long was your internship:	12 weeks

Description of your role and responsibilities?

Over these 12 weeks I worked on Media Hopper (MH), a University platform for video and audio upload of content, available both to staff and students. There were 3 main projects. The idea behind the first one was filtering all Creative Commons license type of content by keywords in the title and tags, and populate it to a channel automatically (even when user changes their settings). The second project involved migration of video and audio content from the old Podcast Producer server to the MH platform. The third project was to create a tool which allows users to add/remove multiple members to/from a channel and give them a specific access modifier status. My main responsibilities included identifying the steps for achieving the project's completion, project management for managing the tasks into a specific time frame, communication within the Learning, Teaching and Web department, and front and back end development for the implementation.

What interested you in this specific role?

What attracted me to the Media Technology role was the opportunity to work on a real-life technology project, closely related to my degree and area of interest. Knowing that the final product would be beneficial to many people also attracted me, having a wider impact comes with a lot of responsibility - I wanted to take that chance and experience this. Moreover, I wanted to learn more about the department and enhance the opportunity to learn through the summer.

How have you benefited from this experience?

On one hand, I had the opportunity to work with APIs, learn Django and get experience with the process of building software in a real working environment. As a result I feel much more confident in my knowledge and motivated to seek further opportunities. On the other hand, I learned more about the department structure and the communication within it. Having the chance to work in a team was invaluable experience for brainstorming new

ideas, sharing experience, building connections and verbalising different aspects of the project - not only in technological manner, but also in non-tech way.

What advice would you give to future interns?

Make the most of your time though your internship: enhance new opportunities to learn, ask questions, seek feedback, and complete your development goals at the very beginning of the internship. Be honest about your progress. Attend as many of the on Campus events offered by the Carrier Services as possible; they are especially designed to improve your confidence, prepare interns for future interviews and their carrier realisation. Last but not least, have fun and enjoy the summer!