YOOBEE COLLEGE OF CREATIVE INNOVATION

FROM YOOBEE GRADUATE TO SOFTWARE INDUSTRY LEADER

MEET OUR ALUMNI

1 Can you start by telling us your journey since graduating from Yoobee?

Kia ora! I'm Hyojin, and I graduated from Yoobee around eight years ago. Starting as an international student, I secured an internship through Summer Tech, which was a huge boost. Now, I work as a senior software engineer, involved in coding and hiring, guiding new talent in the industry.

2 How did Yoobee prepare you for your career in software?

My experience at Yoobee was excellent. With no prior IT background, the 19-week Creative Media Level 4 course helped me discover my strengths. Guided by my tutor, I chose Web Development. The hands-on training was invaluable, and the supportive tutors helped me build a portfolio and confidence—especially important as an international student adapting to a new industry.

Student Profile

NAME
Hyojin

NATIONALITY
Korean

COURSE
Creative Media Level 4

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Diploma in Software Development Level 6
(Previously Diploma in Web Development Level 6)

INTAKE
February 2016

DURATION
60 Weeks

3 Tell us about your fisrt internship

I went to heaps of networking events and applied to lots of places. The key was persistence and being prepared. Yoobee introduced me to Summer Tech, and I made sure to present a solid portfolio and practise my interview skills. It wasn't easy, but it paid off.

4 Can you explain what Summer of Tech is and how it helped you?

Summer Tech is a programme that offers internships, workshops, and networking for students in the tech field. It's not just about getting work experience but also about understanding industry trends and meeting key people. It really set the foundation for my career and helped me make valuable connections.

5 What kind of questions did you face in job interviews?

The interview questions were a mix of technical challenges, like coding tasks and problem-solving scenarios, and behavioral questions about teamwork and stress management. It was important to demonstrate not just technical skills, but also adaptability and effective communication. After the interview, I went home and actually developed the program I discussed and sent it to the company. Later, my boss mentioned that it left a really great impression.

6 What does a typical day look like in your current role?

As a senior software engineer, my day is a mix of coding, team meetings, and mentoring junior staff. I review code, work on projects, and make sure everything's on track. It's busy, but I enjoy the challenge and the chance to help others grow in their roles.

7 Do you work remotely in your current role?

Yes, I work remotely often, which is great for flexibility and staying connected with my family back home. As an international student, being able to return and maintain family ties while working is invaluable. However, it requires discipline and self-motivation. I use virtual meetings and collaborative tools to stay on top of projects and connected with my team.

Advice to prospective graduate

"Preparation is everything. Know the company, practise your skills, and be yourself. Soft skills are just as important as technical ones. Be honest, ask questions, and show genuine interest. That attitude really makes a difference."

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