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Job: Cyber Security Consultant

Company: Atkins

I engage with clients across various sectors to increase cyber security awareness amongst their staff, enhance their processes and secure their systems. From leading a NIS-R Compliance Audit to developing client requirements for Operational Technology (OT) Asset Discovery and Anomaly Detection products, my work keeps me on my toes.

Resilient

Authentic

Proactive

The skills I use most in my job... Critical Thinking - ability to critically analyse an issue and identify the best way to resolve it

- Adaptability - ability to adapt to client needs and changing requirements

- Creativity - ability to develop the best solution for your client
- Collaboration - ability to work well with a range of people, actively listen and take into consideration their perspectives
- Proactivity - ability to take initiative

The most interesting thing I've worked on in my career so far... The variety of sectors and clients I interact with keeps my work interesting. Each project, client and internal, presents unique challenges and opportunities. Even if the subject matter is the same or similar, no two projects are the same.

What inspired me into digital and tech... It wasn't until my master's studies, through a Digital Single Market module, that my interest in cyber took off. Cumbersome legal processes juxtaposed with fast-paced technological developments led me to explore the ways in which users can make the most of innovative technologies, securely.

My educational background is... In 2016, I graduated from the University of Warwick with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and a Certificate in French Law, having successfully completed a year abroad at the University of Bordeaux studying French Law. Following this, I attained a Master of Laws (LLM) at the College of Europe, Bruges.

What advice I'd give to girls thinking about a career in digital and tech... The digital world, technology and cyber security affect us all, whether we realise it or not. It's a misconception that technology and cyber security related jobs are solely technical in the traditional sense. In fact, there are many skills that are transferrable to a career in digital, technology and cyber security. So, if you're interested, do your research and go for it!