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Richard's Journey in

MASTER OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

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Yoobee student's success story

1. Can you introduce yourself?

Kia ora! My name is Richard. I'm currently studying for a Master of Software Engineering at Yoobee College. I'll be graduating in two months, and I'm excited to share my experience of studying and working in New Zealand.

2. Why did you choose to study at Yoobee ?

I chose Yoobee because its one-year Master of Software Engineering programme is ideal for quickly upgrading skills. The shorter duration aligns perfectly with my goals compared to other programmes that take 1.5 to 2 years. Additionally, the supportive Chinese student community made adapting to life here much easier.

3. Why did you decide to pursue MSE?

After eight years as a software engineer, I wanted to advance my career and learn about cutting-edge technologies like blockchain and AI. Yoobee's programme offered the perfect opportunity to achieve these goals while also enjoying New Zealand's stunning landscapes.

Student Profile

NAME
Richard Wang

NATIONALITY
Chinese

COURSE
Master of Software Engineering (Accelerated)

INTAKE
November 2023

DURATION
1 year

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4. What is the structure of the programme?

This programme is structured into three trimesters. In the first trimester, you'll learn research methods and explore topics like quantum computing. The second trimester focuses on advanced technologies such as cloud security, blockchain, and AI. In the final trimester, you can choose between an internship or a personal project, with most students securing internships early to gain practical experience and boost employability. However, with 8 years of experience as a senior software engineer in China, the internship programme wasn't the right fit for me. Still, New Zealand offers a wide range of opportunities, and I highly encourage you to give it a try!

5. What did you choose for your final project?

For my final project, I chose blockchain because I find it incredibly fascinating. Blockchain technology has become increasingly significant and has the potential to transform many aspects of our world. I believe integrating blockchain with existing applications can lead to some truly remarkable results.

6. How does New Zealand's tech industry differ from China's?

The tech industry here relies heavily on cloud services like AWS, Google Cloud, and Microsoft Azure, whereas in China, companies often build proprietary platforms. Additionally, there's a strong demand for full-stack developers, which requires a broader range of skills.

7. What are your thoughts on the IT industry's job prospects?

The global economy has faced challenges since the pandemic, but the IT industry still holds great potential. I applied to two companies, and one offered me a senior engineer role, which I accepted. Although the competition is tough, with consistent preparation and skill development, I believe anyone can secure the opportunities they're aiming for.

8. Do you remember any questions from your job interview?

Senior interviews usually focus on two main areas: theoretical knowledge and practical experience. For example, they might ask about projects you've worked on, like 'How did you build large-scale software?' One question I got was, 'What would you do if traffic suddenly increased?' I thought it was a great way to showcase my experience. They also ask about basic principles and coding problems, and sometimes you'll need to solve them on a whiteboard.

9. Did Yoobee College help you with job placement?

Absolutely! Yoobee provided me with career counseling and connections to the local industry, which were incredibly helpful. Through their support, I gained valuable insights and was able to strategically apply for roles. This allowed me to provide a stable life for my family. My next goal is to improve my English skills to further enhance my career prospects.

"Start preparing early, especially with your English and technical skills. Yoobee offers excellent support, so take full advantage of it."

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