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Mette -
Denmark:
Software
Developer



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What do you do?

I work with a Danish software company called Maconomy, where I enjoy developing Business Management Solutions together with a group of fun and highly qualified colleagues.

My area is in what we call the application level focusing on 'what' the solution is supposed to solve and not so much the 'how' of technologies involved.

A day of work for me is typically spent:

- analyzing,
- designing,
- writing and
- testing software.

The main challenge for me is understanding what solution will make all the different types of customers happy, followed by the challenge of translating that into software. Both are interesting in different ways and allow me to use different types of skills

What was your first day at work like?

Having just started my current job a few months ago I still have a lot to learn, but as I get more familiar with the area I am looking forward to applying some of things I learned while doing Ph. D. studies on modeling economic resources, allowing modern research to have an impact on real products out there.

Do you travel much?

While I was a Ph. D. Student I travelled often, to go to conferences, workshops and courses. Having moved from the academic world to private industry a few months ago I will still be travelling for conferences and customer visits occasionally, but not as much.

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What are three words that describe you?
Optimistic, fun-loving and detail-oriented

Tell us about your skills, hobbies and motivation.

The skills that help me out when working in this area of technology are a Master of Science degree in Computer Science and IT, a strong analytical mind, an eye for detail, a little stubbornness and a motivation for creating long-term solutions with a focus on what helps people out, rather than what technology makes possible.

I have also spent some years as a Ph. D. student, but missed having more experience with real world problems, and postponed the completion for now.

When I am not at work my spare time is usually spent with my two lovely sons of 5 and 9 years. Being divorced they only stay with me every second week. The other weeks I have fun with friends and the love of my life instead. As often as time permits I enjoy dancing Argentine tango or burying myself in creative projects, usually with either power-tools or a sewing machine.

Generally in all areas of life, I often find myself asking “Why is that not possible?” I do sometimes find good answers, but fortunately not very often, and having tried makes me happy every day.

Can we learn more?

More information and link to my current website can be seen at <http://www.linkedin.com/pub/0/A75/426>

Your Advice to other women?

Always remember to do whatever you do in the way that makes you happy. Whatever works for you is the right way regardless of whether it is what other people do.

And remember that if someone else is better at doing something than you, they will often be happy to help you if you ask. If you embrace the differences and focus on doing what you are best at, the overall result will be even better.

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