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Born in: Karlsruhe, Germany

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Favorite food:

Dumplings



Favorite color:

Royal blue



Pet:

Has a cat in Switzerland...



Never leaves the house without:

My Kindle (read FAZ daily)

How did you end up at BSI?

In my first year at school, I looked for a company where I could work a few weeks over the summer. By chance (or luckily), I came across BSI. Despite the relatively short intern period, I was able to take on some very interesting jobs. I liked the work and my colleagues there were very nice, so I continued working at BSI during other semester breaks. The positive experiences I had made it easy to decide to work for BSI after graduation.

What do you especially like at BSI?

BSI offers a unique working environment. Whereas I must admit that I really don't have anything to compare it with, since this is my first job. However, I don't really see how it could get any better than this. There is a friendly atmosphere among those who work here and we also like to get together for a beer after work. I also like how multifaceted and challenging the work is. I am involved in nearly all phases of a project and see all that is entailed in addition to programming. I can also work here independently and can count on support at any time if I get stuck. What I really like at BSI is the very close contact that we maintain with our customers. It is fun to work together with them, provides a change of pace and it turns out that this work is a (nearly) inexhaustible source of experience.

MEET THE TEAM

Allow us to introduce you?

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Why have you come to Frankfurt am Main?

Because I really enjoy working closely with customers and I wanted to discover something new. Here in Frankfurt, I work onsite at the customer's and at the same time I can make a contribution towards establishing the new office. On top of that, I was born in Germany, although I grew up in Switzerland. This gives me the perfect opportunity to become better acquainted with my native country.

What do you like about Frankfurt?

It's a cool city. It's a big city, yet is still somehow cozy. It has everything, but isn't hectic.

What kind of hobbies do you have?

I ride my racing bicycle once or twice a week through the Taunus, a really nice hilly, forested area outside of Frankfurt. I also like to fly model helicopters. I'm still just a beginner, but at least I don't crash it any more. And I like films. There's the "CineSneak" once a week here in Frankfurt, where films are shown with no prior notice of what they are going to show before the curtains part. With a theater full of film enthusiasts, a super atmosphere is guaranteed.

Do you have a dream?

Well, nothing lofty, more down-to-earth, something along the lines of a house and family.

What do you like about yourself?

I am spontaneous and uncomplicated. And I am usually in a good mood.

What don't you like about yourself?

That I sleep too long. It's a shame when I sleep away half the weekend. But sometimes I also manage to get up and each time I'm amazed at how beautiful the morning is!

What tools do you work with at BSI?

I program nearly exclusively using Eclipse/Java. Our company's Eclipse Scout framework is seamlessly integrated in Eclipse and that enables me to focus on what is essential when programming. Since there is nearly always a database involved in our software (generally an Oracle database), I write my SQL queries in the SQL Editor Toad – there is no better database tool – and afterwards I integrate the SQL statements in my Java code. Depending on the project, I use a wide range of Java technologies. Since there are nearly always several developers involved in our project teams, we synchronize our code through a subversion repository.

What do you think of open source?

I think it's extremely cool. I'm a Linux fan, so naturally I really like this philosophy.

Do you have an objective at BSI?

I would really like to head a project in the near future.

The allure of working abroad and the opportunity to experience the thrilling atmosphere of a start-up are what drew Christian Döbele to Frankfurt am Main. His desire for customer proximity, his preference for working independently, along with a healthy portion of curiosity, provided the perfect qualifications to help set up and shape the new BSI location in Germany. The backing of the financially robust parent company certainly makes the start-up even more exciting.