

## Your name

Raj Bunet

## Your apprenticeship programme

BSc Digital and Technology Solutions, Software Engineering

## About you

I am Raj Bunet, a Cloud Engineer from Surrey. I have successfully completed my degree apprenticeship with QA and the University of Roehampton where I achieved a First Class (Hons) in BSc Digital and Technology Solutions with a specialism, in software engineering.



## Why did you choose an apprenticeship?

I chose a degree apprenticeship as it gave me the opportunity to gain a qualification while working. The ability to apply theoretical learning gained from my degree and apply this to the practical work I was doing each day in the workplace enhanced my skills and for me it was a better way to learn.

## How has the apprenticeship enhanced your career?

The degree apprenticeship has enhanced my career in a variety of ways. It provided me with the opportunity to enter a working environment early which helped me develop crucial knowledge and skills both IT related and interpersonal. Working while studying meant that I could develop a range of practical skills as well as a deep understanding of industry practices which meant that my transition to my next role was seamless as I had spent 4 years developing these skills.

## What did your apprenticeship mean to you?

My apprenticeship means a lot to me. It was a significant part of my life where I was able to build a foundation for my career. It provided a perfect blend of both academic education and practical work experience which equipped me with necessary skills that I use today in my IT role.

## What advice would you give to an existing apprentice?

My advice would be to make the most of learning opportunities available to you as part of the apprenticeship both within the workplace and through your learning provider. Push boundaries and do not to stop learning whether that be for general skills or industry certifications. If you are an existing apprentice, ensure you also have a focus on long-term career goals and use this as an opportunity to work towards those.