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it's time to go back to university

I can't believe how quickly the time has passed, 15 months has flown by since I joined MetaBroadcast back in July 2015. I have had a heck of a lot of fun while working on challenging projects that have taught me a lot about various technologies used in the industry. This has started with AWS, Dropwizard, MongoDB, Cassandra, Kafka, Kubernetes and ended with a little bit of Perl.

If I compare what I have learnt at the University of Kent and the industrial placement, I would definitely agree that the university has taught me the basics to start my career. However, the placement year has given me much more. First of all, the taste of how it is to be a software engineer while working on real life projects with an absolutely amazing team. Secondly, I have learnt much more sophisticated programming techniques and how to apply them in a real life situations.

returning to study

I love to learn and because of this it's time to go back to university to finish my studies during which I'll still be having part-time fun here at MetaBroadcast. This will be a very special year, not only because it's the final year but also because I have chosen my modules around topics that I find fascinating. There will be some bits of cryptography, data mining and computational intelligence. There will also be a final year project involving controlling a Parrot AR.Drone 2.0 using the mobile EEG headset — which sounds challenging and AWESOME!

If you are currently reading this and considering to do the placement year as part of the university studies, I strongly suggest you do as you will learn a lot of important things + it's fun!

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