

FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT



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My job: I work as a project manager in the protection systems product area. My tasks include the entire execution of projects – from planning through implementation to completion. Within this framework I am responsible for costs, performance and deadlines. My area of responsibility includes contact with national and international customers as well as working in project teams across companies and departments.

My favorite task: Being in contact with our customers with their various requirements makes my job interesting and challenging on a daily basis. I take great pleasure in meeting customer requirements and continuously taking on new challenges in the team.

My career: I studied economic science at the University of Hanover, specializing in corporate management, marketing and economic policy. I completed various internships during my studies. At the beginning of 2008, I took a position at Rheinmetall Waffe Munition in project processing and took on my current role as project manager a short time later.

My qualifications: Graduate economist

My future: In the near future I would like to gradually expand and deepen my current knowledge and experience of technical aspects as well as project methodology and controlling. In the long term I would like to take on a management position at Rheinmetall Waffe Munition that also includes assignments in foreign cultures.

My tip for starting a career: I believe it is useful to try out various social organizations and clubs both at school/university and in your free time. In this way, you can make a lot of contacts and gain experience in a relatively safe environment. Internships can also help you get a clearer picture of your career aspirations.