



**Student:** Lennart Balkenhol  
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**Placement:** Touch Fantastic

**Role:** Software Developer

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### **Describe a typical day:**

I worked on developing applications for iOS. A typical day of this breaks down into the raw programming, as well as design and user experience work.

### **Why did you decide to do a placement?**

I genuinely enjoyed the programming part of my degree and was intrigued to explore new programming languages. In addition to that I was interested in the application of skills I acquired during my degree in a modern work environment.

### **Would you recommend doing a placement?**

I can most certainly advise everyone to participate in a placement, even in fields you would not immediately consider doing a career in.

### **How do you think doing a placement has benefited you for the future?**

Through my placement I expanded my skills as a programmer, this is going to be useful as programming will remain a part of my physics degree. The internship also enhanced my logical thinking and problem solving skills which are essential to be a good physicist. Furthermore this placement gave me the opportunity to explore software development as a possible career path for myself.

### **What are your next steps?**

After finishing my internship at Touch Fantastic I will continue working for the company on a part-time basis during my studies.

### **Employer perspective:**

It was great to have Lennart as part of the team for the summer. He joined us at a very busy and exciting time and he played a key part in bringing a new product to market. We're looking forward to having his support on a part-time basis as he continues with his studies.

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