

Undergraduate Work Placement Programme

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Week 1 (22 March – 26 March)

Mon: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- HR gave office building tour.
- HR presentations on codes of conduct.
- Presentations on Clearstream’s broad business & departments.

Skills Learned:

- Company knowledge.
- Fund is an investment vehicle. (Hedge/Mutual)

Tue: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Meeting with Peter & Colum.
- Begin setup with help from Peter.
- Set up “SafeNet MobilePASS” used to generate access tokens.

Skills Learned:

- Internally virtual machines (VM’s) are referred to as VDI.

Wed: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Set up IntelliJ IDE & Git installed.
- Meeting with team at 10am.
- First team meeting sits along.

Skills Learned:

- The daily meeting processes.

Thurs: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand-up at 10am.
- IT community meeting at 2pm.
- Setup & catch-up meeting at 5pm.

- Set up Maven & environment variables in windows.
- Configured Maven profiles

Skills Learned:

- Process to create and map environment variables.

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up at 10am.
- Quiz at 4pm – Friday Fun.
- Meeting with Martin at 3.30pm.
- Phone call with HR about CATS.
- Sent IT ticket about CATS access problems.

Skills Learned:

- Internal ticketing system & CATS system for logging hours worked.

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Week 2 (29 March – 2 April)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- 5pm meeting with Colum.
- Dev manager is Martin.
- Outline of the jobs over the 6-month placement.

Skills Learned:

- Java & Oracle for backend, React & Angular for frontend.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Email Academic mentor to introduce myself.
- Continue work on 'Install Guide' & set up process.
- New starter meeting at 2.30pm.

Skills Learned:

- What is JBoss servers and how to download & install.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- 3.30pm meeting with Martin.
- Presentation on Clearstream's business and common clients.

Skills Learned:

- Cork office is mostly dealing with Hedge Funds.
- No money is transferred just securities.

Thurs: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Shown how JCCS & CCS operates.
- Flow diagram of Clearstream business model.

Skills Learned:

- How the company works and how difference inner processes work such as Contract notes being sent to confirm the transfer of securities.

Fri: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Scrum meeting at 10am
- Hydrogen meeting at 10.30am.
- JBoss up and running on the VDI.

Skills Learned:

- How to implement a JBoss server and configuration.

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Week 3 (5 April – 10 April)

Mon: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- JBoss installed and working.
- Apache ActiveMQ installed and working.
- Email Peter about CATS access errors.

Skills Learned:

- What apache ActiveMQ is.
- How to start it through terminal commands inside IntelliJ.

Tue: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Stock market meeting 3pm.
- Deutsche Boerse Group (DGB) one of the largest operators in the world.
 - o Over 9,000 employees.
 - o Services Offered:
 - Pre-IPO
 - Trading
 - Clearing
 - Settlement & Custody [Clearstream]
 - Market data & tech-based services [Clearstream]
 - Information Technology
- Rang help desk about One drive insufficient memory issue.

Skills Learned:

- Trading systems – Pre-Trading/Trading/Post Trading.
- Dividends – part of profit paid to shareholders.
- Market segments & indices – Blue-chip indices prime standard (DAX/MDAX/SDAX)

Wed: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand-up at 10am.
- Entered CATS hours for first time.

Skills Learned:

- Log work hours through CATS system inside App Launcher.

Thurs: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand-up at 10am.
- Meeting with Martin about cutovers.
- Meeting with Denise for running and deploy SQL script.

Skills Learned:

- Cutovers and how to create SQL scripts inside Oracle developer.

Fri: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand-up at 10am.
- Won the Friday quiz!!

Skills Learned:

- Improved communication skills participating in the weekly quiz with the team.

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Week 4 (12 April – 16 April)

Mon: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Create SQL script that updates LK_EMAIL_TEMPLATES database of automated internal emails.
- Add to each automated email a placeholder for confidential text. [ConfidentialText].

Skills Learned:

- Cutovers and how to create SQL scripts inside Oracle developer.

Tue: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Update JCCS Java and XML code.
- Java code is used to retrieve a string from the XML and replace the [ConfidentialText] with this string.

- Created Getters & Setters for the Java code as well as adding @BeanPropertySetters to link the XML.

Skills Learned:

- Created first code to be used in the next release implementing Java,XML and SQL.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Learn the process of executing a cutover.
- Use 'Putty' to transfer my updated 2107 folder to the Dev environment.
- Perform DDL/DML checks using SOAP UI.

Skills Learned:

- DDL/DML checks and how to test cutovers with SOAP UI.

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Update *run_cutover.sh* to contain 'echo...execute...echo' to execute the cutover.
- Add 'transactions' to my SQL. (Begin...Commit...Rollback)
- Meeting with Denise on how JCCS&CCS interact.

Skills Learned:

- How 'transactions' can improve SQL.
- How to execute cutover script.

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Tasked with arranging and generating a general knowledge quiz for the team's weekly Friday fun.

Skills Learned:

- Good interaction with the team and good way to introduce myself through hosting the quiz.

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Week 5 (19 April – 23 April)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Shown the process for committing to Dev.

Skills Learned:

- GitHub 'shelf' can help you set aside some work and return to it.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up.
- Fetch & rebase the most recent IFS2107.

Skills Learned:

- GitHub pull process for JCCS using IntelliJ.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up.
- Commit my cutover script and Java/XML changes.

Skills Learned:

- GitHub's commit process through IntelliJ.

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up.

Skills Learned:

- Any #300 error solved with instructions inside 'readme_DBPrepSteps.txt' - /local/jcssbin/JCCS_CUTOVER.

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up.
- Friday Fun Quiz.

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Week 6 (26 April – 30 April)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Meeting with Martin on next project.
- Look at how Mr. T (MessageTransformationEngine) fits into the overall business structure.

Skills Learned:

- Position = positive share balance.
- Mr. T = component to Transformation routing.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Create HTML form 'file uploader' in Java.
- Allow Devs to drop files directly into Mr. T speeding up production.

Skills Learned:

- Creating an application inside JCCs.

Wed: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Java JSP form to be created to allow user to select a file/files for upload to Mr. T.
- Send a response to the user confirming their file has been uploaded.

Skills Learned:

- What is a Java Servlet /JSP?
- JSP is just a HTML form that allows you to easily create web content that has both static and dynamic components.

Thurs: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Create a Java Servlet to handle the actual process of taking in the input file, and outputting it to the correct directory inside Mr. T.
- Add JSP & Servlet to JCCS.

Skills Learned:

- Java Servlets used to extend the capabilities of a server.
- How to implement a Servlet into JCCS.

Fri: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Test the MR. T file uploader locally first to ensure files are not corrupted and are transmitted correctly.

Skills Learned:

- Deploying to JCCS localhost and test my components.

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Week 7 (3 May – 7 May)

Mon: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Create Java Servlet:
 - 1 Get user's file.
 - 2 Create Input Stream to retrieve the file.
 - 3 Upload to 'jccsbin/jcss/data/messagetransformationengine'.
 - 4 Create output HTML response.
 - 5 Map '/upload' URL to servlet.

Skills Learned:

- Servlet development.

Tue: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Add FileUploadAction.java (Servlet) to CCSEngineWAR/java/web/fileUpload.
- Add file-upload.jsp (JSP) to CCSEngineWAR/webapp/WEB-INF/content/web/fileUpload.

Skills Learned:

- WAR files and how to deploy to JCCS.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Create Java JSP:
 - 1 Set *method* to “POST”.
 - 2 Set *enctype* to “multipart/form-data”.
 - 3 Set *action* to ‘/fileupload/*’.
 - 4 Add HTML form file input tag.
 - 5 Create HTML form submit button.

Skills Learned:

- HTML form syntax.
- Ensuring the action=“/fileupload/*” matches the <url-pattern> in the web.xml.

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Redeploy the CCSEngineEAR file.
- Create link to test code.
- Change file path from ‘testDir’ to ‘realDir’.

Skills Learned:

- Testing JSP and Servlets.

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Friday fun Quiz.
- Research JSP and Servlet development.

Skills Learned:

- Java web and servlet development process.

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Week 8 (10 May – 14 May)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Further Java research for file uploader.

Skills Learned:

- Research skills.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Further Java research for file uploader.

Skills Learned:

- Research skills.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Must override the 'doPost' method for handling the file input.
- Create File objects to store the input.
- Create Java Iterator to iterate over the input file and relocate it to Mr. T.

Skills Learned:

- Exception handling for Java servlet.

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Project may need two .jar files to be added to 'WebContent/WEB-INF/lib'.
 - o Commons-fileupload-1.3.1.jar
 - o Org.apache.commons.io.jar

Skills Learned:

- How to add external jars to the IntelliJ JCCS project.

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Deploy project in JCCS localhost.
- Update JCCs URL to
'https://localhost:8443/ccs/web/fileupload/fileupload.do' to point to the JSP.

Skills Learned:

- Process of deploying project to localhost.
- Opening my code inside JCCS localhost.

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Week 9 (17 May – 21 May)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Committed JSP & Servlet to JCSS.
- Test file upload on Dev.

Skills Learned:

- JCCS Dev testing.

Tue: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Completed the SOAP UI testing for cutover's java code.

Skills Learned:

- SOAP UI testing.

Wed: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Catch up meeting with Martin on Mr. T file uploader.
- Add @Action result (location = fax.jsp).
- Look at fax.jsp & servlet for the syntax of a JSP and servlet and how they interact.

Skills Learned:

- @Action and its role in @Result inside the JSP.

Thurs: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Updated the doPOST() method inside the servlet for file input processing.
- Added the 'include' properties to the top of the JSP.

Skills Learned:

Fri: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- To deploy to Dev:
 - 1 Run the 'vmdevgss3' maven build.
 - 2 Copy 'JCCS_PreDelivery' from 'cs.jccs/distribution/target'.
 - '/tmp' using WinSCP.
 - 3 Once copied to '/tmp' open Putty.
 - 4 Inside putty **cd ...** to /.
 - 5 **cd /local/jcssbin** and run deploy2107.sh.
 - 6 Expected last line is "CLI result is: 'result' => 'running'"
 - 7 Check health at "http://vmdevgcsc3:8080/ccs/health-check.do"

Skills Learned:

- Deploying to Dev.
- Health checking.

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Week 10 (24 May – 28 May)

Mon: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand up.

- Check that deployment to Dev was completed correctly.

Skills Learned:

- Internal Deployment process.
- Sub custodian is a bank that provides safe keeping in domestic markets to another custodian.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Fund / Financial management meeting.

Skills Learned:

- Mutual Funds and their key features. Such as:
 - o Small initial investment.
 - o Cash is readily available.
 - o Policies are narrowly defined.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up.
- Operational Functions meeting.

Skills Learned:

- Clearstream aims to be a 'one-stop-shop' that offers both functionality for Mutual and Hedge funds.
- **Vestima Plus = Mutual funds.**
- **Vestima Prime = Hedge funds.**
- Hedge funds are high risk investment vehicle.
 - o Aggressively managed.
 - o Both domestic & international.
 - o Consistent high level of return.

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up.
- Trading process meeting.

Skills Learned:

- Client places order via Vestima Prime.
- Trade loaded to CCS & enriched with Fund rules.
- Ensure accuracy of orders & adhere to Fund rules.
- Once all Authorized, place the trade (OTF – order to fund).
- Client advised trade is being processed (OTC – order to client).

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Friday Fun Quiz.

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Week 11 (31 May – 4 June)

Mon: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Meeting with Martin.
- Given task of updating 'Fund Audit Report' JCCS page.
- Export button creates a **xlsx file** that needs to contain confidential placeholder in the generated file name.

Skills Learned:

- Solved **xlsx file** by updated the FundAuditReport java source code inside JCCS.

Tue: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Meeting on the JIRA internal ticketing process.
- JIRA is a software work management tool for a wide range of use cases.

Skills Learned:

- JIRA terminology.

Wed: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- JIRA meeting.
- JIRA is great for tracking defects + other internal problems.

Skills Learned:

- JIRA process:
 - o Ticket is assigned to a developer.
 - o Read description and solve the issue.
 - o Commit changes.
 - o Review started – Link code change & your solution commit url.

Thurs: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Research for JIRA task.

Fri: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Friday fun quiz
- Complete confidential placeholder JIRA issued to me.
- Committed first JIRA.

Skills Learned:

- First time completing JIRA process.

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Week 12 (7 June – 11 June)

Mon: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand-up.
- Check JIRA system for assigned tickets.

Skills Learned:

- JIRA ticketing system.

Tue: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Prepare for upcoming meeting with Martin about DMS?

Wed - Fri: Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Clearstream Cork culture induction meeting.

Skills Learned:

- 2018 company culture started.
- Clearstream values customers, results, people, community.
- With customers engage with them and add value to their business.
- Management focus on Honest & Integrity, Work as team, Customer focus.
- Company culture has great events such as: Virtual Quiz, raised €20,000 for charities, Mindfulness with Brezzie, etc.

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Week 13 (14 June – 18 June)

Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand ups.
- Prevention of Fraud refresher presentation 2020.
- Fraud Prevention interactive training.
- Requiring a completion rate of 80% or higher to pass the assessment.

Skills Learned:

- Fraud is any attempt to gain funds or information by deception or other illegal means, whether acting alone or in collusion with other parties
- Fraud Prevention training began 2017.
- Learnt regulatory controls and internal policies and procedures.
- Risks of fraud and how to spot and report any irregularities.

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Week 14 (21 June – 25 June)

Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Began research on the Document Management System, to be used for new IFS Document Library.
- Research REST API and how to store, retrieve and view documents.
- Preference on Cloud capabilities and open source.

Skills Learned:

- How to structure a professional report and effectively present a matrix of options of DMS.

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Week 15 (28 June – 2 July)

Monday to Friday:

Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Continued Research on Document Management System.

Skills Learned:

- A Document Management System is a system or process to capture, track, and store electronic documents.
- How to choose a suitable DMS. Determine your needs, which vendor to choose, manage workflow, etc.
- Prioritise Security, verify support options.

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Week 16 (5 July – 9 July)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Daily stand-up meeting.
- Meeting with Siobhan at 2.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Prepare for presentation to Senior management and HR.
- Student 4 Student PowerPoint presentation on Friday.

Skills Learned:

- In presentation include:
 - Introduce yourself.
 - What college / college course.
 - What Department in Clearstream.
 - What HAVE you done so far?
 - What WILL you do for the next 3 months,
 - What you enjoyed.
 - What can be improved.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Prepare for Student 4 Student presentation.

Skills Learned:

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Prepare for Student 4 Student presentation.
- Send copy to Siobhan as backup.
- At end ask other interns questions, expect questions from management,

Skills Learned:

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Student 4 Student PowerPoint presentation to HR and Senior management at 10 o'clock.
- Presentation went well, got asked question from Mr.Brosnan top management.

Skills Learned:

- Presentation skills improvement.

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Week 17 (12 July – 16 July)

Monday to Friday:

Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand ups.
- GDPR Overview meeting & presentation.
 - Who to report Data Protection & GDPR breaches to?
 - What is GDPR?
 - How GDPR & Data Protection differ?

- Examples of breaches and their penalties?

Skills Learned:

- GDPR is any information that could identify a living person.
- GDPR relates to personal information whereas Data Protection relates to generic data breaches.
- Consequences of breaches
 - 1 Up to €10 million or 2% of annual revenue.
 - 2 Up to €20 million or 4% of global revenue.
 - 3 Individual also has the right to claim.

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Week 18 (19 July – 23 July)

Monday to Friday:

Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Daily stand ups.
- Research of SSH and REST API to be used for future project.
- Research Standalone Applications and development process.
- API research related to interacting and using API in backend applications.

Skills Learned:

- SSH is a network communication protocol enabling two computers to communicate.
 - Key feature is encrypted communication.
- SSH client on your local machine connects to SSH server using command line.
- SSH clients typically support SCP and SFTP for transferring data.
- Recommended to use SFTP but SCP will work.
- API give benefit of added computational power.
- API using HTTP verbs (GET/POST/DELETE/PUT).
- Constraints for API to be RESTful:
 - Client-server architecture.
 - Statelessness.
 - Layered System.
 - Ability to cache.
 - Uniform design.
 - Code on demand.

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Week 19 (26 July – 30 July)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Meeting with Martin & Colum on next project after DMS Research.
- Daily stand-up.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Next step is to convert Research to Proof of Concept of DMS.
- Testing the DMS in a virtual machine using REST API.
- Create a Standalone App for testing.

Skills Learned:

- What is a proof of concept?
- How to create a standalone app inside a virtual machine.

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- *Meeting with Colum & Martin for Proof of Concept.*
- *Requirements for Proof of Concept.*

Skills Learned:

- UI mostly JCCS anyway.
- API more important.
- It will sit in the backend using API calls to interact.
- How does it store the documents, where does it store them?
- Cloud exposure?

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Prepare for Proof of Concept.

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Friday Fun quiz.
- Get virtual machine requirements and ask Colum to create a VM.

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Week 20 (2 August – 6 August)

Mon – Fri:

Tasks/Activity/Training:

- Get VM credentials and test connection with Putty.

- Back in the office this week.
- Catch up with Martin.
- Take a look at a JIRA for filter problem with template-enquirey.do

Skills Learned:

- Standalone is an app that runs locally and doesn't require any externals to operate.
- SSH is the network communication protocol used to let two computers to communicate.

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Week 21 (9 August – 13 August)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- *Filter problem with template.do JIRA.*
- *Daily stand-up.*

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- UCC mentor meeting with Frank.
- Go over all work completed so far and ran through my projects.

Skills Learned:

- Professional to college presentation skills.

Wed - Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Learn LogicalDOC Api calls and functionality.
- Work on JIRA.

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Week 22 (16 August – 20 August)

Mon – Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Proof of concept theory.
- Test JIRA with (id=172714).
- Use SQL to test JIRA expected outputs.
- Download LogicalDoc and transfer to VM with WinSCP.
- Check LogicalDoc READ.me for info on installation.

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Week 23 (23 August – 27 August)

Mon: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Last week before placement completed.
- Daily stand-up.

Skills Learned:

- Communication and office skills.

Tue: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Ask Colum to sign Work placement Report & Logs.

Skills Learned:

Wed: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Ask Colum may I have a reference & potential Graduate programme.
- Explore LogicalDOC API with curl commands.

Skills Learned:

- API calls with curl command.

Thurs: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Work on Proof of Concept.

Fri: *Tasks/Activity/Training:*

- Final day.
- Hand back Laptop & monitor.
- Thank all the staff for a great placement and learning experience.

Skills Learned:

- Communication, office work routine, working in a team, independent thinking and problem solving.

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