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A day in the life of a ShoalGrad

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7:00am

After waking up, the first order of business is to take my dog out for a short walk in the morning. If I'm not fully awake by now, Merlot will make sure to drag me plenty on our "walk". After that, I get ready for work and start my commute.

8:30am

My workday starts with the all-important cup of coffee. This is around the same time that the rest of the team also arrives. If one of us happens to arrive after 9 AM, they are sure to be greeted with a cheeky "good afternoon". Even though the working hours are plenty flexible, it's always good to have a bit of fun as the day begins for everyone.

9:30am

After reading up on some emails, pleasantries and catching up on what everyone did over the evening, we have a team stand-up. This usually goes for 15 minutes, but it's one of the most important activities of the day as we update each other on our work, talk about our blockers and see how we can best support one another. In the team, most of us work on independent work packages. So, I find stand-up very enjoyable and informative since I get to learn about what interesting things everyone is working on, and where they have gotten up to since yesterday.

12:00pm

It's lunch time! With the team working predominantly indoors, we all like to gather outside on the benches to have lunch together and catch up a bit more. This is a good time for us to tune off from work, see what everyone is getting up to that weekend, and to feed the local friendly magpie a little. Best to keep them on our good side to avoid getting swooped.



Team lunch with Adelaide and Canberra colleagues. Lucky to learn from radar experts in this team.

12:30pm

Time to head back to work. The latter half of the day is where I like to have meetings as the morning is reserved for more focused and uninterrupted work. My meetings usually include progress meeting updates, where I go through the work I did for that period. This involves flashing up plots I have produced as a result of my modeling and analysis work. As well as planning and brainstorming activities to determine next steps. We work on new and cutting-edge radar technologies, so there's no limit to the novel ideas that the team can think of to explore and model.

2:30pm

Time for a reset. At this time, I like to indulge in the best activity out there. Drinking coffee.

5:00pm

Time to say goodbye for the day and head home. After work, I like to either head to the gym, go for a run or partake in some form of physical activity to help me switch off my work brain.

I was pleased to be promoted from Graduate Systems Engineer to Systems Engineer in February 2024. After two years in the ShoalGrad program, I was able to excel.



A 'paint and sip' masterclass with our social club. We're a very social bunch! What a masterpiece!



Here I am, pictured with ShoalGrads and Shoalers, when I first joined the company.



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