Careers in the Digital Economy

What have Data Centres Ever Done for Me?

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• Did you intend to work in the data centre sector?
  Who did? I didn’t know what a data centre was 3 years ago (and I’m no spring chicken!).

• How did you end up here? Why are you still here?
  I was looking for an exciting role with an industry leader in a fast growing (and important) sector and CBRE came knocking... match made in heaven!

• What do you like about working in the sector?
  The people – it’s such a small industry that you get to know people genuinely well and most people in data centres are great fun! I love the importance of the buildings as well; you can’t get me excited by what chillers you use but the value of the information held in the buildings and subsequent importance in the wider world is fascinating.

• What opportunities do you think data centres offer?
  An increasingly wide range. The sector is becoming more commercial and more strategically driven - so it’s not just all engineering and sales. I think there’s a huge range of business and commercial roles for men and women, young and old.

• What advice would you give to young people trying to decide on a career?
  Pick your first move, don’t fall in to it. Not enough people realise that your first significant role is often what you end up doing, both industry and function wise!

Editor’s note: Mitul is also the winner of two prestigious techUK data centre programme awards, in 2015 and 2017.