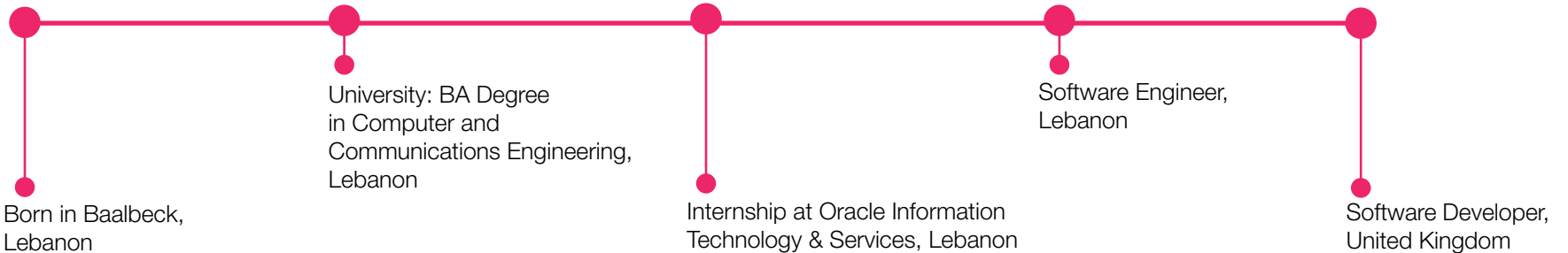**Name:**
Tamara El Naboulsi

Job title:
Software Developer

What do I do:
I work on maintaining and updating the core Ensembl Applications as well as creating new pipelines for internal EBI users. I make coding and databases accessible for scientists.

Career profile Tamara

My career highlights

Born in Baalbeck, Lebanon

University: BA Degree in Computer and Communications Engineering, Lebanon

Internship at Oracle Information Technology & Services, Lebanon

Software Engineer, Lebanon

Software Developer, United Kingdom

What parts of my job are challenging?
Not being from a scientific background, starting out in genomics proved a bit challenging. But with the help of the people around me and by asking all the questions I had, I manage to overcome this every day.

What does a typical day/week look like in my role?
I start with planning out what tasks I need to get done, consulting with my direct manager about my ongoing projects. I then spend my time developing code from scratch, adding new features, or fixing existing code. All of this happens with some meetings sprinkled here and there.

Career profile
Tamara

Skills I use in my job :

Coding
My main language has been Perl, but I'm working more and more with Python these days.

Teamwork
I work as part of a team of programmers and bioinformaticians, and we often collaborate on projects.

Communication
My work requires me to ask questions of other teams or consult with bioinformaticians on biological concepts.

Problem solving
To be able to maintain and create new code, problem solving is essential, especially when debugging.

My top tips for students wanting a career in genomics:
- Make sure you're interested in the subject, as it makes understanding it easier.
- Remember that multiple career paths can lead you to the same end goal.

What hobbies do I have?
I love reading fantasy and sci-fi, cooking, playing video games, and crafting. A perfect afternoon for me is cuddling with my pets and enjoying one of my hobbies.

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