

The Department of Computer Science

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"I've been a student at The University of Auckland since 2006. Honestly, when I first started, I didn't really have a clear vision of where my degree was going. I decided to major in Computer Science just because I felt comfortable with computers. I wasn't quite sure but I thought there might be something useful I could achieve in the future with Computer Science.

In the beginning, I would say that I was a passive student. However, as time passed and I took more courses, I found the course material and the teaching staff were challenging and motivating me positively. I find I have been gradually changing and becoming more active and focused on a specific vision for my Computer Science degree.

In my other life, I am a musician - I play the electric guitar. A few years ago I posted a video of myself playing guitar on YouTube. The video was a big hit and it has been reported in the New York Times. It was also featured on TV3's 'Campbell Live' show. The view count on the internet at that time was about 10 million and now it's about 80 million. After all the excitement, I became a sort of star. Have a look – just google 'funtwo'.

The fame really changed my life as well as my vision. Some people think it's really odd that I am majoring Computer Science not music. But in my view, university life has so far given me a direction and a vision for the future. In particular, I would really like to inspire and motivate others to blend Computer Science and music, just like I've done with the video on YouTube. In the future, I hope to have a career opportunity involving Distributed Systems and/or Video & Audio Streaming."

Jay is studying for a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Computer Science and Information Systems.

