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I have worked as a researcher at Loughborough University on a project to develop a simulation of a 'Smart Home'. I have also worked in technical roles within industry, however, recently I have created a company to look into the use of new technology to help people with mental health problems. The company has been awarded funding by the Big Lottery Fund to develop a serious game to help people with depression. The company was also a Finalist in the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards 2010.

What is the best thing about what you are doing now?
Talking to people who deal with people with mental health problems and applying their knowledge into the technology that the company is developing.

What was the best thing about your time as a PhD student here?
My supervisor guided me through the whole process undersatnding the issues involved with working and doing a Ph.D. My colleagues were friendly and helpful, and the people of Birmingham were equally as accomodating.

In what way did living and studying in Birmingham live up to your expectations?
I was a bit retiscent about living in a big city, nevertheless, the city offered a great deal of attractions which helped me to relax after studying. The studying part of my time at Birmingham was good as the Campus is attractive, the library was good and the teaching staff were excellent.

What advice would you give to current PhD students?
Always focus on the central question that you are trying to answer and work hard, it's worth it!

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