

5. Computer Programmer

Jordan, 24, is a computer programmer at FADE Video Communications. He began his education at community college. He hoped to learn a lot more about computer programming and careers he could pursue. Jordan enjoyed using smartphone apps and playing video games, but he felt there was so much more to computing. He just wasn't sure how to make it a career.

While in school, he got a part time job at MaBell Telecommunications to gain some valuable experience. His job was mostly sitting at a computer running code, and he was bored. However, Jordan decided to take advantage of an employee benefit that pays employees back for their college costs. This program allowed Jordan to continue his education at a four-year college in Delaware. He continued to study computer programming while still working at Comcast.

In his final semester, Jordan got a paid internship at FADE and quit MaBell. After he graduated, FADE offered him a full-time position with a good salary. Now instead of simply running code, Jordan is creating, testing, and modifying code.