

AVEVA

What does your company/business do?

We make software for engineering companies to help them design and run their projects, typically in areas such as power generation, ship building, oil & gas and food and beverage.

What type of technological advancements are you part of?

We are active in advancements including AI (Artificial Intelligence), cloud computing and AR/VR (Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality)

How has the outbreak affected your business or role in the company?

I have been working from home since mid-March, our office in Chesterfield where I am based, along with most of our offices world-wide have been closed for this period. This has meant conducting all meetings online – as we are a worldwide company most meetings were using collaboration tools in any case so this has not been too difficult. The lack of social/more casual interactions with colleagues has perhaps been more noticeable – to try to keep this up we have had regular online ‘tea and cake’ meetings, regular team meetings and some online quizzes.

Do you have to wear a uniform?

No, I am in R&D (Research and Development) so am rarely customer-facing so dress code is fairly casual – those in sales or other customer-facing roles would be likely to be smarter.

How long is a shift?

We have a set of ‘core hours’ where employees are generally expected to be at work (or online if working from home) which I think is 930 to 1530, other than that we are quite flexible, my working hours are 7.5 hours per day so a typical day might be 830 to 1700 with an hour for lunch (others might work say 730 to 1600 or 930 to 1800 as suits).

What equipment do you use?

I use a developer-specification PC (which is a very high spec) with twin monitors, much of my ‘equipment’ is software development tools such as source-control systems and IDE (integrated-development-environment) tools.