The first day at the office was a success, minus the fact that I was late 30 minutes, because of the buses, which are often not on time here in Malta. No worries though, all the people at Untangled Media office were very relaxed about it, including my boss Deborah. She showed me around the office. The office was very nice. From the outside the building looked a little dilapidated, but from the inside it was clean and cool and comfy. Everyone had their own iMacs and beanbags, and the view from the window wasn’t bad either. I soon learned everyone’s names and met another international student from Germany who was also working there. Sadly, she was leaving in a week. I would have hoped to have a fellow student there.

They sat me in front of an iMac, where I would sit for many coming days. My work was quite independent.
They told me they were working on an app called Quizando which is a quiz game online with cryptocurrency assets. They said that I would help them develop it, starting with a translation of their site to Finnish. It took me a few days, but I think I finished it quite fast. The website included a lot of information about Untangled Media Limited, including bios of everyone who worked there. Through that I learned a lot about the company and the people. Next week a guy called Wesley is supposed to take me to the Quizando HQ to introduce me to an expo called SiGMA, which is the largest expo in Malta.

SiGMA was an experience. It turned out that my job was to dress up in our company mascot suit and go around with co-workers filming a commercial for Quizando.

On the other hand living in Malta is not bad, the food is quite cheap and the people are kind and relaxed. I live with two other Finnish students who are cooks. Two more people are supposed to join us next week also.

It seems that I have come to Malta during very interesting times. On the same week that I arrived in Malta, they started this grand-scale recycling program where in every house and workplace trash needs to be correctly sorted into the right bags by law. Bio in the white bag, plastic in the grey one and so on. This obviously means that I have to do this at work and at home. I like it, and aim to use the same concept back in Finland. Another change is that companies and stores are beginning to use
electrical paying methods and cryptocurrencies. To this day many stores only accepted cash as payment.

Through my job I got to experience SiGMA, which is a convention where hundreds of different cryptoasset companies introduce their products. We went there to advertise our product Quizando, an online moneymaking quizgame.

Sometimes I don’t have that much to do at the office. That’s ok though because it means that I can update this report or do some other schoolwork. If I have absolutely nothing to do then I can just ask my boss if I can leave. Thankfully this doesn’t happen often.

Just a short walk from my apartment and you get this view (ST. Julians)

If I didn’t explain it already the company I work at (Untangled Media Limited) is a company that gives web services. It means that I as an intern do jobs such as updating websites, customer service through internet, bookkeeping etc. I gotta say, if work is this easy all the time, then I don’t understand why it’s so hard to get one back home. I mean people twice my age seem to be doing these same jobs that I’m doing here.

I’m not really sure if the relaxed attitude toward my work depends on cultural reasons or because I’m an intern who doesn’t have many responsibilities. I won’t let it affect my work though. I will stay motivated even if my job becomes repetitive. I do also get some praise. My co-workers like me and I like them. I can find mutual interests with almost every worker here.
I’ve got to know many wonderful people, locals and visitors. Through one of my housemates who was Dutch I got to meet a whole group of students and workers who had come to Malta. We have a good time with them.

![A skeleton at the catacombs of Mdina](image)

*In short working here is quite similar to Finland or any other European country, if not easier. You can call your boss by their first name etc. Jokes are common at the workplace. Nobody is too serious or uptight. Maltese humour though is something that I didn’t understand always.*

If I have learned anything here, it’s that you need to be more active, even if no one else is. If your boss forgets some task or a deadline he gave you, remind him. Never settle for the easiest job.
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I got to see the Christmas decorations while I was still in Malta. Did not feel like like Christmas though without the snow.