# Bigpipe People Profile: Jith DR



It's time to meet another of the mighty lords and ladies who reign supreme from Bigpipe Towers. This time it's Sarvajith DR, Bigpipe's Product Manager! Sarvajith, or "Jith", or "Dark Lord of the Jith", or "Jithu", or "The Doctor", as well as various other names by which he is affectionately known, is brilliant and is also very funny, but you might not know it from this interview — we think he might have been a bit busy that day. We've taken the liberty of expanding upon a few of his answers.

Your Name Here Sarvajith DR

Savajith Dr Who? A/S/L?

30/Male/Auckland

## Tell us a bit about yourself.

I am a huge fan of start-up companies and the whole start-up ecosystem. I have founded and been part of small companies for most of my career so I feel at home working for Bigpipe. *Jith* 

actually has his own food start-up, that he set up with his mum and dad — it's called <u>Tambura</u>. They make traditional Indian chick-pea snacks and cumin-infused chutney, among other things. When Jith started at Bigpipe he brought a whole lot of the stuff in to work and got us all hooked on it. Now he refuses to bring us more unless we pay him "real cash money". Goddamn it, Jith. Just give us a little taste. Just a bit to take the craving away.

#### What do you get up to outside of work?

I love craft beer and great street food. I also spend a fair bit of time watching Twitch streams (Kripp and anything DOTA2 related). Jith is the office Twitch addict. We can rely on him to source us only the freshest, dankest Twitch memes. Why, just today he was spamming our own work chat with Twitch stuff. Ruined! Soiled! Happy little trees!

#### What work do you do for Bigpipe?

I am the Product Manager. This is another way of saying that Jith comes up with ideas for Bigpipe and Bigpipe-related products and makes it so they actually get made. Our Bigpipe modems? Jith. Our spiffy new Refer A Friend tool? Also Jith.

# Come on Jith! You can do better than that. What's the best thing about Bigpipe?

We are constantly changing the game with world firsts. This is a Bigpipe inside joke, ha-ha! But seriously, we are totally doing that.

## Well. Guess you couldn't! Okay. What are you doing for Christmas in 2042?

Staying Alive. We think he means that he's a huge fan of the BeeGees.

#### What's your favourite thing that you use the Internet for?

Watching Twitch streams (Kriparian, Arteezy) We're becoming unsure if Jith actually knows that there are things on the Internet besides Twitch streams.

Favourite video game right now?

Dota 2 > LOL.

We too prefer playing DOTA to Laughing Out Loud. Speaking of which, what is your favourite dank meme?

via GIPHY

Feels bad man. What's the best thing that a customer ever said to you?

"It feels like 2016 with Bigpipe"

Fresh! Would you rather fight 100 bee-sized men, or 1 man-sized bee?

100 bee sized men.

Incorrect! A man-sized bee couldn't even move under its own weight, whereas 100 bee sized men (assuming they had standard human intelligence) would be a terrifying and insidious opponent. They'd sneak up on you with a gun or something and you'd wake up dead. Anyway, tell us a joke.

What do you call a guy with no shins? Tony

That makes absolutely no sense. Instead, we demand you tell us an amusing anecdote.

A friend of mine decided to splash sulphuric acid on my elbow at school and then proceeded to pour ammonia to equalise the effect of the acid with a base. Yeah that didn't work. I ended up with a scar which I still sport today! I just had a look at the scar and it's pretty seriously gnarly you guys.

That was horrifying, not amusing! Link us to your current favourite thing on the Internet.

Cunning! What is your spirit animal?

Anything you'd like to add?

Nah not really

That's OK, we'll add it for you.



# Bigpipe People Profile: Sean Forster

Hello! It's time you met Sean, one of several alleged humans who works at Bigpipe Towers. Take it away, Sean.

#### Your Name Here

Sean Forster

#### A/S/L?

24 (1 more month until I am a quarter century \*cringe\*) Male / about 4 desks away from you

# That came out a bit weird. Never mind. Tell us a bit about yourself.

Well you know, I'm Sean. I have worked with Bigpipe for nearly 2 years. At the moment I look after our billing and provisioning team making things happen with the internet and then arranging the bill for said internet. I am currently the greatest Rocket League player in the office, this is not up for dispute.

# We'll see what happens at the next intra-office tournament. What do you get up to outside of work?

Gym (sometimes), few beers after work, spending time with family, finding time to play basketball and gaming.

## What work do you do for Bigpipe?

Whoops, answered this one. I lead an awesome team of people who on-board and bill our Bigpipe customers. I also attend most of the cool events that Bigpipe sponsor. I am the tall white dude with too much energy.

### Indeed. What's the best thing about Bigpipe?

Other than working for Bigpipe… it has to be support team. Great bunch of people, always going that little bit further for customers.

What's your favourite thing that you use the Internet for? Music, all the music.

#### Favourite video game right now?

Hearthstone. I'm not that great at it though

Quick, everyone, find Sean and offer to play him at Hearthstone. What is your favourite meme?

(Note: Sean's favourite meme was terrible. Therefore, this is now his favourite meme.)

What's the best thing that a customer ever said to you? "What would you do? You seem to know about this stuff." (I did.)

Would you rather fight 100 rat-sized men, or 1 man-sized rat?

Man sized rat. Please don't ask me to elaborate because I have nothing to back up that answer

### Good point. Tell us a joke.

Why did the chicken cross the road? WHAT!? can't a Chicken just cross the road without being interrogated!

## Existential! Link us to your current favourite thing on the Internet

Pretty much any Vine by Marlon Webb, that guy is far too funny for only 6.5 seconds of video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0fpkYV3zQw

### What is your spirit animal?

Giraffe, totes Giraffe.

## Makes sense. Anything you'd like to add?

Hi Mum, look I'm on the internet!



You are indeed.

## Bigpipe People Profile: Lannah Frost

At Bigpipe, we pride ourselves on having human staff. One of our humans we are proudest of is Lannah Frost. Find out some facts about this human in the series of questions and answers!

# Bigpipe People Profile: Lisa Quayle

Bigpipe loves our programmers — without them, we would not have programmers! (That sentence is what programmers like to call "recursive," which is something that all programmers love.) Without programmers, we also wouldn't have a website, and/or exist. They are awesome. So here to talk to you about being awesome is our Senior Developer, Lisa!

Your Name Here: Lisa Quayle

A/S/L? 26/F/Auckland

Tell us a bit about yourself: I'm a problem solver and love logic puzzles — which lends itself nicely to programming! I love getting involved in organising things and I survive by writing lists... so many lists. I've been a huge Pokemon fan since I was 5 years old, but I have trouble deciding which one is my favourite. I also love cats, Alice Cooper, colourful socks, travelling, cricket and Hamilton.

What do you get up to outside of work? I've recently started learning to surf, so spending a lot of time in the Coromandel on weekends getting sconned in the face by the surfboard and riding a few waves. I also love cooking with my partner — we make big feasts of <u>deliciousness</u> for dinner.

What work do you do for Bigpipe? I'm a front end software developer — so I work on the HTML, CSS and JavaScript for the Bigpipe website. It's super fun []

What's the best thing about Bigpipe? No data caps!! Unlimited broadband all the time with no fair use policy is great. It mean's there'll be no surprises and you can just download as much as you want whenever you want.

What are you doing for Christmas? Chilling with the extended family over in Katikati. There's going to be so much delicious food. I can't wait [

What's your favourite thing that you use the Internet for? Watching teh YouTubez. My fav channels at the moment are the React Channel, and Vsauce.

Favourite video game right now? Super Smash Bros on Wii U. Love taking down my fellow Bigpipers with Pikachu. (But not Josh, who is the best at Smash Bros.)

What is your favourite meme? Such a hard question... there are

so many good ones! Gonna go with He-Man <u>HEYYEYAAEYAAEYAEYAA</u> haha. And don't forget the <u>10 hour</u> version.

Would you rather fight 100 kiwi-sized men, or 1 man-sized kiwi? I'd go for 1 man-sized kiwi because I reckon if you just grabbed hold of its beak you might be able to just climb up it and jump on top. Then you could just ride it around... I wonder if you could beat the Auckland traffic with it...

**Tell us a joke!** Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill? To get to the bottom. (credit to a hilarious 10 year old girl who I met at <a href="Code Club Aotearoa">Code Club Aotearoa</a>)

Link us to your current favourite thing on the Internet! My fave thing on the internet at the moment would have to be Scratch. It's a really cool site where you can learn to code. It's interactive, colourful and allows you to get started creating games and animations really quickly. I use it in a  $Code\ Club$  where we teach 10-12 year old kids how to code. They come up with the coolest, craziest stuff!

What is your spirit animal? It's definitely a Pokemon... I'm going to go with Vaporeon because it's cat-like, but loves the water.



A wild LISAMON appeared!

## Bigpipe People Profile: Enzo

Here at Bigpipe Towers, we're all about the customer service. That's why we have in-house customer support. I can actually see the customer care team from where I sit. Look at them. Making sure that customers get served. What a good bunch! We'd like to showcase a few of the people who work hard to keep Bigpipe awesome, so here's the first of a series of staff profiles — featuring Enzo!

Your Name Here: Enzo

A/S/L? 21/m/auckland

**Tell us a bit about yourself:** I was born, did school stuff out West Auckland ways, did University stuff at UoA and then I joined the team at at the start of this year (2015).

What do you get up to outside of work? I like going on adventures and finding somewhere new to go! At the moment I'm getting back into scuba diving now that summer is arriving. I also like to try to do some exercise and I definitely like long walks on the beach.

What work do you do for Bigpipe? Billing and Provisioning! Ordering the internets for our customers and then getting the money flowing.

What's the best thing about Bigpipe? Aside from having sweet broadband, the best thing is the cool Bigpipe people I get to work with everyday — they're a fairly cool team who can almost

provide some competition in a game of Rocket League []

This is a lie. The Bigpipe team are much better than the care team at Rocket League and we will prove it, this lunchtime.

What's your favourite thing that you use the Internet for? Reddit and watching TV and movies — legally, of course!

**Favourite video game right now?** Currently playing Assassins Creed: Black Flag. I'm only a couple of years behind the trends!

What is the dankest meme? The botched spanish fresco restoration always gets me

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What's the best thing that a customer ever said to you? Probably just "thank you", it's the little things that count.

Would you rather fight 100 bee-sized men, or 1 man-sized bee? 1 man-sized bee! They only have one stinger, so I'm sure I could deal with getting impaled by it only once, right?

**Tell us a joke.** Stolen but golden — "My girlfriend just dumped me for talking to much about video games. What a ridiculous thing to Fallout 4."

Link us to your current favourite thing on the Internet 10 hour Gandalf Europop nod!

What is your spirit animal? That's easy. A hedgehog.



This is what Enzo actually looks like.