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About Me

In the year 1999 the movie *The Matrix* came out. *The Matrix* trilogy was a huge reason I started to gain interest in computers. I have retained interest in technology, software, and hardware and came to the conclusion that this is the area of expertise I will continue to grow in and make a career out of. My parents often tell me about the time I first touched a mouse and although I don’t remember that instance I do remember the hours I would spend trying to make sense of our first computer.

Time went on and I became more literate with the way a computer functioned and with that I became interested in computer games. Computer games weren’t all that accessible to a kid like me but I found some here and there. I remember constantly coming home from school getting out my dad’s joystick and play this galactic shooter game. I can’t remember the exact name of the game but I know I didn’t get very far. Fast-forward to today and I have access to so many games I don’t even remember all of their names or how they’re played. But one thing remained the same, I’m not particularly good at any of them.

More than games, my interest for computers rose through this perception that these things are magic in a box. Learning more and more about how computers worked was a passion of mine and drove me to the answer as to what magic these boxes of metal were running on, code. My real start onto this career path was the irritation that I just didn’t know enough about code or about hardware. Luckily as I was asking these questions something new came to the world of the internet which was the website YouTube. With YouTube my prayers were answered, I could learn all sorts of things about computers and begin my track onto the career I desired.

Coming into high school I had no knowledge about what kind of classes I would be introduced to or what things I might face. I had switched out of the public middle school I was going to and that had put me on the track of the public school system. My parents couldn’t afford to keep me in the school but I didn’t mind because I thought it would be unfair to them to ask for continued education in a place they couldn’t pay for. So I adjusted and aligned myself to the expectations of the public school system and made it into Clifton High. In my freshman year I was fortunate enough to get a pleasant math teacher that steered me towards electives I could take in computer programming. Coming into my sophomore year I was able to pursue my interests and learn a lot about programming and computers in general and it was all thanks to one caring math teacher.

After I had finished electives in computer programming I was left with one more year in high school and one more challenge, robots. Given my interests I thought it would be good to widen my scope from just programming to things like robotics. In my junior year I had the best time of my life working next to people with similar interests and hobbies working on a robot that could shoot Frisbees into far off goals. I made some acquaintances along the way and learned a lot and am still in contact with them today. Joining the robotics club at my school was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

All in all here I am, studying at college, and learning what I want to learn. It was never about how much money I would make or creating something life-changing. I just wanted to do what interested me and I still do.