🡺 Write your future history and/or make a list. (~250 words in all) Keep a copy for your future self.

I’ve asked this a lot of times from myself that what do I want to do with my life and what is the ultimate purpose and need I’m eager to fulfill; I’ve answered it differently in different periods. I, at last, came to this conclusion that there’s no final point for me to reach so then I would be satisfied with the life I have lived; and that’s not a bad thing at all. I want to experience the world as much as I’m capable of. Wisdom is the thing I’m seeking. I don’t want to be unrealistic and think I can try out everything, I can’t. I’m in the process of understanding my passions and finding my ikigai and am adding them to the list of things I want to do before death.

To answer the question more straight-forward, my greatest passion for now is Computer. Exploring this great world that mankind has created is the thing I’m most fond of. Sub-categories are numerous and finding the right attraction takes more time to invest; I’m just 19 and have just entered this field. I’m lying if I say I know what particular area in the computer world I want to enter. All I can say is from what I’ve been dreaming at nights :) My first interest was to become a system admin (not to say hacker); it needs great knowledge both in programming and knowing the concepts of the network. I always had this dream to reveal the hands of evil governments and bring peace to the world; maybe it’s just better to cut it here ;)

1. ICT news, tutorial, or CP4P course topic: **Blockchain**
   1. News or tutorial item’s URL:

[https://hackernoon.com/blockchain technology explained introduction meaning and applications edbd6759a2b2](https://hackernoon.com/blockchain%20technology%20explained%20introduction%20meaning%20and%20applications%20edbd6759a2b2)

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Think of blockchain as a “special” database. In the simplest terms, Blockchain is a chain of blocks, but not in the actual definition of these two words. When we say “block” and “chain”, we are actually talking about digital data (“block”) stored in a public database ( “chain”). In blockchain the data is unique and immutable forever ;digital information cannot get copied. What this means is that each piece of info and data can only have one owner and every change made in those data is added as blocks to the chain. Blockchain is needless of a central control entity. Currently, most people use a reliable middleman such as a bank to make a transaction. Blockchain, on the other side, allows clients and providers to connect directly and remove the need for a third party. These chains and blocks are controlled by no single authority.

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I was first introduced to blockchain when Bitcoin was soaring in profitability. I did some small research on the concept and left it to be as my mind couldn’t process its definition and duties at that time. I saw the potential of blockchain and enjoyed the fact that how it can serve the humanity to have a peaceful life.

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We were required to investigate a new technology for our final project in SPS; I wrote a thorough article about Blockchain which I copied some part of it to answer the first question. The URL I mentioned is just one out of more that 20 resources I used in my article and I chose it because the website is not that known and popular and the article was comprehensive and complete enough to cover the basics of blockchain.

1. ICT news, tutorial, or CP4P course topic: **WordPress**
   1. News or tutorial item’s URL:

<https://www.linkedin.com/learning/paths/become-a-junior-wordpress-developer?u=2169170>

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Websites nowadays play one of the most essential roles in the success of a business. A company without a good and informing website is a loser in the market. In the core concept, building a website is done by employing HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, ASP.NET and some more. WordPress was released and introduced to public in 2003. It is written in PHP and what it does is to provide a free, open-source and user-friendly environment where you can build your website easily without the need to know coding.

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As I mentioned in WordPress’s summary, giving people the opportunity to make their desired website not needing the knowledge of web programming motives them to use WordPress. Although there are more advanced alternatives for WordPress like Wix or Squarespace, WordPress is still the most common and popular CMS in the world; more than 30 percent of the websites nowadays are being built with WordPress. There are a lot of bugs with WordPress, I’m not going to deny that, but the rich community that WordPress has should also be noted.

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I didn’t start the pathway of learning WordPress with LinkedIn tutorials. I first was goofing around reading various articles and tutorials about WordPress but they didn’t last that much as I was losing track constantly along the way. The very first serious move was participating in an online comprehensive course at Sharif University, the most high-rated university in Iran, in 2018. I, after finishing that course, have found my way into the field and started building websites and troubleshoot the issues with digging through online communities.

1. ICT news, tutorial, or CP4P course topic: **Virtual Tours**
   1. News or tutorial item’s URL:

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/apr/15/egyptian-tomb-ancient-wonders-open-for-virtual-tour-in-lockdown>

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As we are all locked down in these quarantined days, the museums, parks, historical places and monuments are all closed. Added to those, universities and colleges also cannot host tours for the interested potential students. Virtual tours addressed this issue and solved it to some extent; with the help of virtual tours, the necessity for participating in those events reaches its minimum. It’s been several years that Google has been using a 3D view option in its Google Maps; but seeing a place virtually from your computer has been something that companies partially focused on. Thanks to this coronavirus, there are more investments in this area and there is an ongoing list of places covered that can be seen with virtual touring; an example would be the Egyptian Tomb which I attached the news of it.

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Virtual tours helped me a lot in various situations. One was when I was deciding which college I wanted to attend. I watched several 3D views of the colleges in Maps and participated in online tours of some colleges. Other than that, I used this tool to take a deep look into Venice and Milan, my favorite cities in my favorite country. All and all, even though going to mentioned places in person feels totally different and is magnificent, it is awesome to have this tool when you are not capable of doing it physically, exactly like the situation we are stuck in now.

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Reading this short news struck a spark in my mind and made me think about this invention and appreciate its existence. There is a world out there for virtual touring to discover; innovations can be developed and businesses can make profits out of this area.

1. ICT news, tutorial, or CP4P course topic: **Brain-hacking device**
   1. News or tutorial item’s URL:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-49004004>

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We all know Elon Musk for his big companies Tesla and SpaceX. News today are all about two American astronauts launching into space for the first time and his weird sense of name-choosing for his first baby; but the news I’m following about Elon Musk is from his not-that-popular company called Neuralink. Neuralink Corporation is a neurotechnology company founded in 2016 by Elon Musk and others and its primary purpose is to treat serious brain diseases in the short-term with the devices they make at Neuralink.

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New technologies are always in my top priorities to read about; the more controversial a news is, the more interested I am in reading it (I had to choose between this article and 5G internet speed. It was most likely that we heard about 5G in YouTube videos and articles so I decided not to talk about it). AI technology has always had its defenders and protesters and most of the articles regarding this technology has been very challenging, like the idea of Musk about using a device to control the brain. The aim they have for this company is healthy and productive, but things they might be able to do with that device seem a bit dangerous.

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I like BBC tech articles and podcasts a lot; the news is from BBC and is written by Jane Wakefield, a technology reporter at BBC. BBC has also published other articles about this company and Elon Musk. The thing I noticed and like in this news is that Jane has mostly relied on facts and speeches Musk have given about Neuralink and quoted his statements rather than writing down her understandings of the subject.