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My name is Aryan Aziz and I'm a 23 year old male from Southern California. I was born about an hour north of LA, did my undergrad at UCLA and have been working about an hour south of LA since then; so I've stayed around here for my entire life.

My path to OSU has been long and full of bumps/turns. I grew up as the "computer nerd" of my family/area and was the go-to for anything and everything that involved computers/electronics. I taught myself html/css at the age of 14 and between that/gaming/working at Circuit City and subsequently Apple it was always in my nature. When I left for school, however, I followed my Middle-Eastern parents' dream of becoming a doctor and focused on that while majoring in Geography.

Fast forward to the winter quarter of my senior year and I realized I hated what I was doing. I let go of my pre-med items but did not have enough time to switch to a different major; so I graduated with a Geography degree.

I was lucky enough to get a job directly out of school and started working an entry level job in the tech industry for an Internet Video company. Within 8 months I had worked myself up to the director of the department and had a team of people reporting to me. However, although what I did was relatively technical; I always wanted to focus just on the technical items and not on the operations side. This is what brings me here, allowing me to get this degree while working and hopefully move on to a more technical job after.

My dream someday is to get both my Master's in Computer Science as well as an MBA and to start my own company (that would of course be subsequently sold to Google resulting in an early retirement). It's a pipe-dream, of course, but I figure if I am there even if I don't reach that length I should pass some great milestones.

As for programming, at 14 I taught myself html and css, and subsequently xhtml. I learned visual basic at around 14-15 also but never fully dove into it and have forgotten most of it since then. 2 years ago I taught myself JavaScript and began working on php. I took a few intro to computer science classes in school which taught me c++ but I also took the intro to c++ last quarter here at OSU.