



AUDREY TANG

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Audrey Tang was born in Taiwan in 1981. In her youth, she was a shy child who battled health issues (including a congenital heart defect). She started learning how to program when she was 8 years old, and by age 12 she was coding in Perl (an all-purpose programming language). At 15, she started her own company, serving as chief technical officer for a team of 10 Perl hackers. Today, she is Taiwan's Digital Minister - as well as the first non-binary and transgender individual to be appointed to such a position. Tang believes that technology should be used to improve the abilities of government and to create an involved society. She is also a core member of g0v (also known as "gov-zero"), an open-source, open-government movement.

