Hi everyone. My name is Brian and I’m from Houston and love to hike, camp, backpack, and just generally enjoy the outdoors. As I’m sure most of us are, I’m pretty close to being done with the bachelor’s in computer science. I used to bartend for a living until the pandemic, but after the bar I was working at closed I have had a string of jobs I hate. This gave me the inspiration to go back to school and do something I actually want to do.

I don’t have any experience with emerging systems and technologies, except that I use them. I am very interested in how to program them and how it differs from the stuff I already know.

An embedded system that I use frequently is an Instant Pot. It has different inputs in the form of buttons and sensors that are fed into a microcontroller and the output regulates temperature, pressure, and cooking time. While I doubt society would collapse without my Instant Pot, it simplifies a lot of tasks, and in most cases saves time as well.