WHO AM I

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My name is Christopher Morcom and I have a bit of a weird background. I tell most people that I am from Saudi Arabia because that is where I was raised, but I was born in Boise, Idaho. Although spending almost zero time in the United States as a child, I did learn in “westernized” environment. As a child, I went to American schools called DEMS and AISR in Dhahran and Riyadh, respectively. When I graduated, I came to Illinois to study at IIT and get a Computer Science degree and commission as an Officer in the US Air Force.

Like most students at IIT, I do plan on graduating as soon as possible due to the (insane) tuition costs. Based on my academic plan, it looks like I can graduate by Spring or Summer 2020 with a co-terminal Bachelor’s of Science and a Master’s of Science in Computer Science. If I commission as an Air Force Officer, I am required to go to another Graduate school and take Master’s level classes as a part of my training for the Cyber Warfare Operations (17SX) career field. If I do not get to commission, I plan on working as a contractor for the US Military and doing cyber operations, or even working for some big company like Tesla or Raytheon in cybersecurity.

In terms of what makes me successful and happy, having a bit of peace of mind really helps. I like doing martial arts to blow off steam and have fun. I don’t really do much else, but if I could, I would go skydiving or do “crazy” things quite often for the adrenaline rush.

In all honesty, I don’t really hope to get anything from this course. I mean, I “hope” to get an A in the class. That being said, I do plan on putting effort in since you can’t learn anything if you don’t. In the end, I guess it just narrows down to, “I hope I learn something new from this course.” I’m just open to going wherever this class takes me. From my experience, if I “hope” or something, then I just bias myself towards one topic, activity, or idea.

In the end, I *hope* to get as much as I can from this course.