**Interview With Christopher Ray Manker**

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**At Campbell County high school**

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  + why do you think computer science is a good major?

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* + As you probably know, I got into computer science for a rather strange reason -- because UK made math majors get a minor in a related subject and I already had background in programming.
  + In general, it is a good major because we now live in a world that is run by computers. In effect, the people who run the computers will run the world!
  + I also enjoyed the combination of math/logic and the creativity involved in design.
  + And creativity doesn't surface all that often in a math major.

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* + why do you think computer science would be a good major for me?

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* + It's a good major for you because you have a strong natural understanding of math and logic, yet you also really like messing around with technology. Being curious and willing to try things is very important for a programmer.
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  + what are some crazy things you have done as a programmer?(even though i already know them.)

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* + In my case, since I'm not a REAL programmer, not a whole lot. However, my roommate who was a programmer was involved in quite a few amusing events.
  + Basically, Conan O'Brien was taking an online poll and he wrote a program that submitted about 50,000 votes to it and changed the outcome!
  + by the way, is that my best friend is now the president of his own company, which I helped found, that is an internet-based academic team materials company... he's been able to quit his regular job as a result, and he only took programming in high school!)

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* + last question.... What would be a good career for me as computer science major?

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* Hmmm... the field keeps changing so rapidly... that's a tough call. Probably something in the arena of web development, although computers have even allowed that to become automated to a large degree. I think a lot of the best opportunities now have a lot to do with starting companies that use the internet to sell products and services globally.