

Callum Copley – My Profile

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Personal Information

Details

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Background

I was born and raised in Australia, and sadly I have never actually travelled to another country. I have mainly Scottish and English heritage, as well as some Irish and Scandinavian ancestry. My only spoken language is English.

In 2017 I studied and earned my Certificate IV (Year 12 equivalent). It was this same year that the rest of my school grade was doing Year 12 at school, but I decided to leave school and do it at TAFE instead.

After finishing TAFE I spent 2018 working as a landscaper to earn some money before starting uni. In 2019 I began studying a Bachelor of Science, double-majoring in chemistry and biology, though I eventually decided to drop it and study IT instead as I no longer wanted to pursue a career in science. I had made the realisation that I was an idiot for not picking IT in the first place, given that I love computers so much.

If I had to pick only one hobby that I had to do for the rest of my life, it would be tinkering with computers. In 2018 I had earned the money to buy the parts to build my first PC. Initially I installed Windows on it, but it wasn't long before I was delving into the world of software and teaching myself about Linux and some programming. This PC was probably the best purchase I have ever made. I couldn't have known that I should study IT or get involved with computers at all if I hadn't bought it. What started as a machine intended for gaming turned into something that would help me realise my passion in this world.

I had three cats when I was living with my parents and I have three new cats since moving out. I love cats, they are very clean and can be very sweet friends.

Interest in IT

What is my interest in IT? When did my interest in IT start?

As I had written earlier, my interest in IT was kicked off when I built my first PC in 2018. I had used many computers before this, and generally I was always good at using and navigating software, but I had never owned a computer for myself. Having my own computer allowed me to begin improving my computer skills to an unlimited potential. In particular, I love the idea of free and open-source software. Even now I am writing this in LibreOffice (a free and open-source alternative to Microsoft Office) on a Linux distribution (a free and open-source operating system).

Why did I choose to come to RMIT?

I was interested in a completely online university degree. One that I wouldn't have to worry as much about being late to classes and lectures, and one that I can study from anywhere in the world. When I was doing my science degree, I had to drive an hour to the university campus and an hour home almost every day. Now I can always count on studying from home and wherever I am in the world.

What do I expect to learn during my studies?

Mainly I hope to learn more about programming. I'm also keen to take the elective, CPT264 (UNIX Systems Administration and Programming (Linux)), to test how much I truly know and to hopefully learn more.

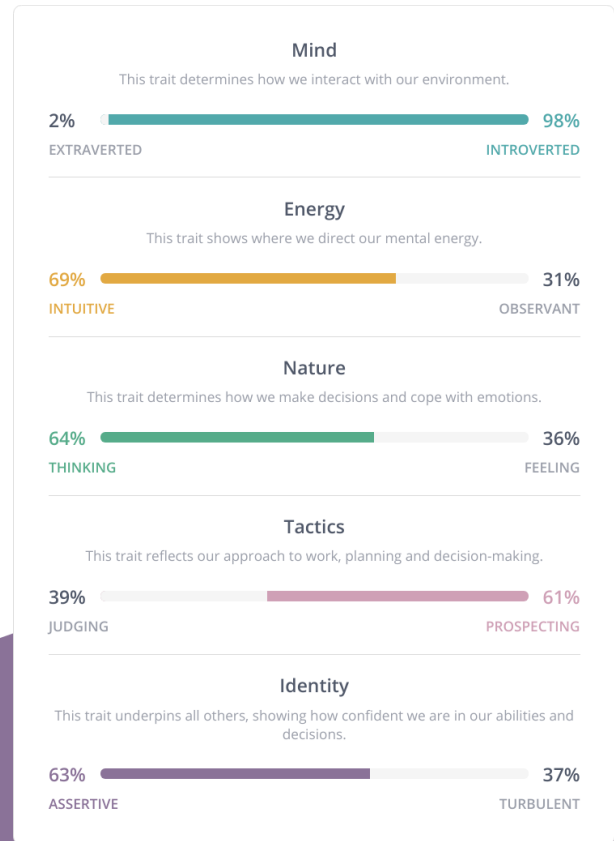
Personal Profile

MBTI Personality Test

<https://www.16personalities.com/>

Your personality type is:

Logician
INTP-A



I have actually taken this test multiple times in the past, each result being the same type with slightly different percentages. It's interesting how accurate it is, but it's also worth noting that it's not like all people within a given MBTI type are the same person. I know a couple of fellow INTP's who are completely different to me.

For example, though I believe my introvert/extravert ratio to be pretty accurate (my last test came up 100% introvert), I don't consider myself to be bad at talking to people, nor do I actually dislike talking to people that I like at all. This ratio only really represents how your mind reacts to external stimulation and what it takes for you to mentally recharge. Another person who achieves the exact same scores that I did might resent people more, have significantly more social anxiety, or they might have a much higher rate of depression. That is up to the individual to work on and it doesn't have much to do with MBTI. I often find myself thinking about the reasons I do a lot of things and how much it has to do with my personality type though.

It's worth considering that the rest of my team might be uncomfortable with a team member who doesn't talk much. I should try to speak my mind as much as I can and try my best to engage with the other team members. Given that I'm so introverted,

I'm probably not a natural leader. It might be different if it was an IT team, since that is exactly what I have a passion for, but I couldn't know as I've never really led a team before.


VARK Learning Style Test

<https://vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/>

The VARK Questionnaire

Your VARK Results

Your learning preference:
Multimodal (VRK)

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People with your preference like:

different formats, graphs, diagrams, maps, interesting layouts, space, notes, handouts, print, text, practical exercises, experiences, examples, case studies, trial and error, things that are *real*, ...

Your scores were:

- Visual 11
- Aural 4
- Read/Write 9
- Kinesthetic 13

Personally I don't actually put much value on this test or the results. For anyone, there is often not just one way that they prefer to learn something. For example, when I'm learning how to use a new software, I usually prefer to just jump straight in and learn by trial and error. But if I were building a table, I would not do that at all. I would instead read the instructions and look at the diagrams. We all have learning preferences, but they normally change based on what it is we're learning.

These results don't really tell me much about how it would influence my behaviour in a team. If I want to learn something, I will learn it by any means necessary.