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About Me Page

“About Me.” I hate this part.

Whether it appears on a dating app questionnaire or is brought up in an interview. Whether it is posed as “Who are you?” or “Tell me something about yourself.” I hate this part. Such a simple prompt, and yet it forces you to boil down everything about yourself into a quirky, yet sophisticated… witty, yet insightful elevator pitch, that in some cases, cannot be longer than 140 characters.

“My name is Kosuke, but I go by Chris. I live in San Francisco.”

– Too bland.

“I went to Duke and majored in psychology and minored in economics”

– Too formal and who cares?

“I swam from Alcatraz to San Francisco this summer and am training for a triathlon”

– Too braggy.

“I am a family-oriented person, a competitive gift-giver, and I like to illustrate in my free time.”

--What is this? Tinder?

“I loved working in advertising and am learning about computer science so that I can apply what I have learned to an industry moving towards web and mobile development.”

-- Too “Linked-In” and it’s way over 140 characters.

If I had to ask one of these “Who are you” questions, I’d ask what their favorite drink is. That is something I can answer without hesitation.

Bourbon and soda with a cherry and some mint leaves. I like a bite to a drink and bourbon has that nice balance between bite and smooth that feels like a handshake. The cherry is important because if I went out of my way to add that treat in, it was a good day. A good day where I woke up early, crisp and aware. A day where I made it to the gym before work and swam my best 1000m and left everything in the weight room. If I stopped by the store to buy mint and mushed them up at the bottom of my glass, I had a killer work-day. I worked well with my teammates, had an actionable list of goals for the day, and finished my tasks with the feeling of accomplishment because my manager did a great job of placing my work in the context of how it contributed to the growth of the company. And finally, the soda that would make this a 20 minute drink—enough time to reflect on my day and wide down.