

# Darren's Resume of Failure

This is a resume of my 'failures' that led me to where I am today. Like RPG games, life is like a stream of endless setbacks and obstacles, but I attribute the experiences that I had to my growth.

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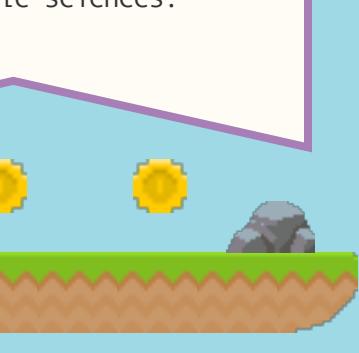
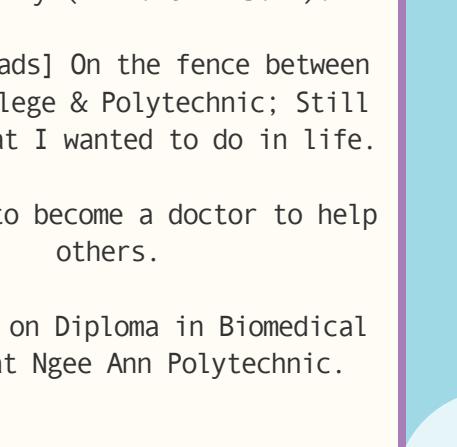
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START



- video/computer game addict
- unmotivated, average student
- doing bare minimal



2009

[1st Crossroad] Did not qualify for Junior College of choice

- 3rd in entire school but still did not qualify (L1B4:10 L1R5:12).
- [Crossroads] On the fence between Junior College & Polytechnic; Still unclear what I wanted to do in life.
- Aspired to become a doctor to help others.

★ Decided on Diploma in Biomedical Science at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

2012

[2nd crossroad] Did not get into Med School (GPA 3.65).

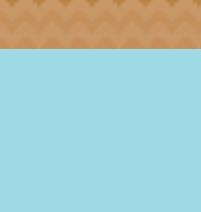
- Did well (A's + B's) but not enough for Med school.
- Shadowed doctor at National University Hospital → Discovered not cut out to be Medical Doctor.

★ [Crossroads] Wish to help people still → Ambition change: United Nations as Policy Maker for a bigger impact → Degree in Economics.

2017

Internship with Arch Systems in Bay Area, CA

- Only designer in company and wanted to learn best practices.
- Relied on networking and design communities on Facebook and Slack to learn from experts.
- Saw the calibre of designers in the area and realized how long a way I've to go.

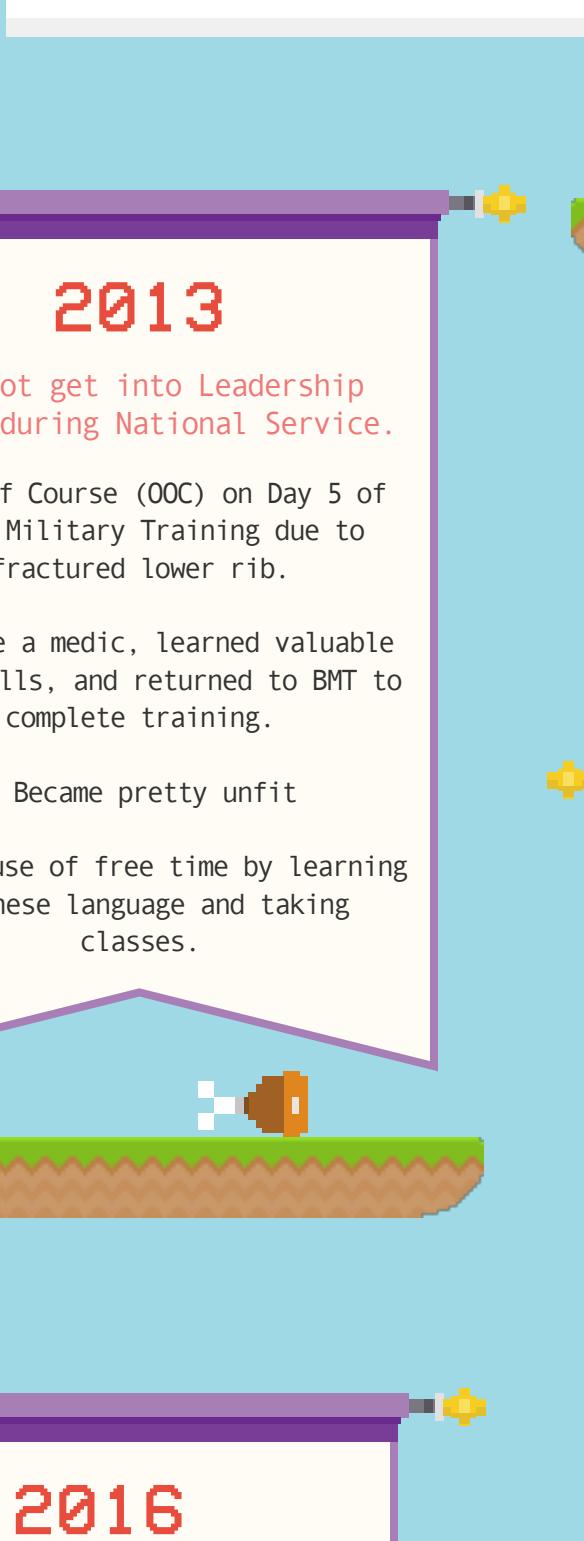


2018

Summer Internship hunt

- Applied to >70 internships in the US for summer but none offered.

★ Recruiter at Sea Group found me on LinkedIn and I became the first UI/UX intern in the company.



2013

[3rd crossroad] Did not get into Leadership School during National Service.

- Out of Course (OOC) on Day 5 of Basic Military Training due to fractured lower rib.
- Became a medic, learned valuable life skills, and returned to BMT to complete training.
- Became pretty unfit

★ Made use of free time by learning Japanese language and taking classes.



2014

Did not get into Economics, Singapore Management University (1st choice).

- Not scheduled for interview.

★ Decided on NUS to study Economics.

2015

Did not succeed in application for Nagoya University (Japan) scholarship.

- Applied but did not make next round

• Passed through preliminary rounds but only 1 awardee.

★ Studied local (NUS).

2016

Did not transfer to Computer Science

- Failed transfer to Computer Science → Stayed in Arts, not sure which major → Chose Communications & New Media.

• Discovered the importance of school as an aid but self-guided learning is more important.

• Focused on design and frontend.

★ Applied for NOC and became 1 of 28 students for NOC Silicon Valley Batch 31 (NCSV31).



2017

"Fail faster, succeed sooner." - D. Kelley, IDEO



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2019

Accepted into UX Design program at NUS.

• Learned about user-centered design and its importance.

• Developed skills in research, empathy mapping, and user journey mapping.

• Gained experience in wireframing, prototyping, and user testing.

• Learned about design systems, accessibility, and inclusive design principles.

• Developed a passion for solving complex problems and creating meaningful user experiences.

• Learned about the iterative nature of design and the importance of iteration in achieving success.

• Developed a growth mindset and a willingness to learn and adapt.

• Learned about the importance of communication and collaboration in design.

• Developed a appreciation for the power of design to create positive change in the world.

• Learned about the importance of empathy and understanding users in order to create effective designs.

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