

Darren's Resume of Failure

This is my resume of failures/experiences in my life that led me to where I am today. Life is a stream of endless setbacks and I've attribute these obstacles to my growth. This list will always be added to.

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START



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



2006

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2012

Got average grade for Final Year Project (B grade).

- Learned importance of good communication, planning, and teamwork.

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[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 → Decided on Economics.

2013

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

- Not scheduled for interview.
- ★ Decided NUS to study Economics.

2013

Did not get into Leadership School during National Service.

- Out of Course (OOC) on Day 5 of Basic Military Training; Fractured lower ribs.
- Became a medic, learned valuable life skills, and returned to BMT to complete training.
- Became unfit during the two years.

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

2015

[3rd crossroad] Poor performance in Economics

- Lagging behind in economics
- Unsure about continuing → Back at crossroads again
- Joined entrepreneurship pitching competition and won 2nd place for idea → Couldn't find people to start the idea but failed → Decided on self learn and change to Computer Science

★ Spent entire Summer 2016 learning basic web development (HTML, CSS, JS) and PhotoShop.

- Coded out portfolio and wrote letter to Dean of School of Computing with website.

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

[4th crossroad] 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 people in NOC Silicon Valley Batch 31 (NCSV31).

2017

Internship 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.

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