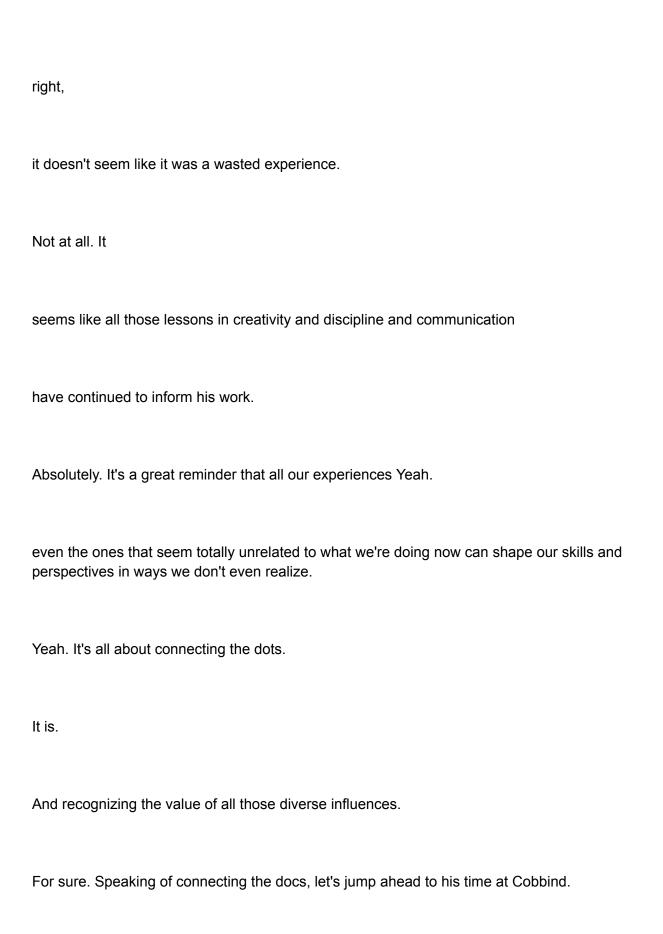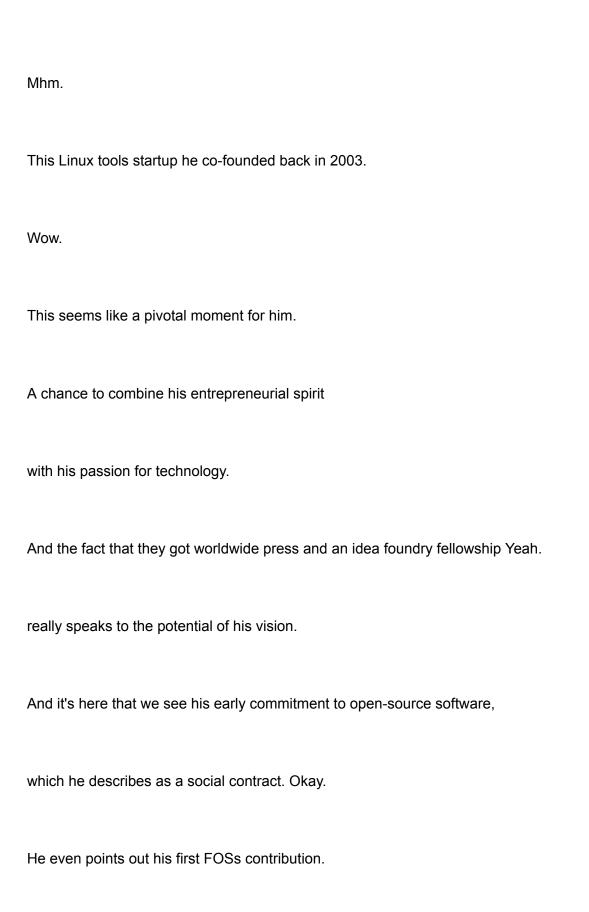Welcome back to the final part of our deep dive into the career and mind of David Watson.

We've traced his journey from music school dropout to freelance software generalist uncovering a wealth of experience and a truly unique perspective along the way.

And now we're going all the way back to the beginning,

okay,

to that interesting line on his resume

from technique to technology. A computer science award before music school led to a computer programming internship afterward. H

it hints at this fascination with technology that actually predates his musical pursuits.

It's interesting. Even before he went to music school, he was recognized for his tech skills. So, it seems like he's always had this aptitude for logical thinking and problem solving.

Yeah. And this dual interest in both art and technology has always been a part of who he is.

Definitely.

It makes you wonder what made him go to music school in the first place.

It does.

What are your thoughts on that?

Well, maybe it was the allure of creativity, you know, the desire to express himself through music. Or maybe it was the challenge of mastering an instrument, right?

Honing a craft that needs both technical precision and artistic sensibility.

It's interesting to think about how those early experiences in music could have influenced his approach to software development.

Yeah.

You know, he sees code as a form of communication,

right?

A way to express ideas and create something beautiful and functional.

It's almost like music provided the foundation for his work in tech. Yeah. And even though he ultimately left music school,

right,

it doesn't seem like it was a wasted experience.

Not at all. It

seems like all those lessons in creativity and discipline and communication

have continued to inform his work.

Absolutely. It's a great reminder that all our experiences Yeah.

even the ones that seem totally unrelated to what we're doing now can shape our skills and perspectives in ways we don't even realize.

Yeah. It's all about connecting the dots.

It is.

And recognizing the value of all those diverse influences.

For sure. Speaking of connecting the docs, let's jump ahead to his time at Cobbind.

Mhm.

This Linux tools startup he co-founded back in 2003.

Wow.

This seems like a pivotal moment for him.

A chance to combine his entrepreneurial spirit

with his passion for technology.

And the fact that they got worldwide press and an idea foundry fellowship Yeah.

really speaks to the potential of his vision.

And it's here that we see his early commitment to open-source software,

which he describes as a social contract. Okay.

He even points out his first FOSs contribution.

Mhm.

Emphasizing the importance of community and collaboration in tech.

It seems like this focus on collaboration and knowledge sharing is a recurring theme throughout his career.

It's like he sees technology as a way to empower others and contribute to a larger good.

Exactly. And that leads us to his time at Wellspring Worldwide. Okay. Where he was a big advocate for shifting towards this S sur culture and DevOps practices.

Interesting. So these approaches is prioritize automation and monitoring and continuous improvement.

Yeah. And they emphasize collaboration between the development and operations teams.

That seems like a natural fit for someone with his background.

It does

in open source and his commitment to collaboration.

Definitely. He was ahead of the curve in recognizing how important these practices are.

So he wasn't just building software, he was building this culture of excellence

and continuous improvement.

It's amazing to see how his approach has evolved from those early open- source contributions to leading the implementation of S sur and DevOps.

It shows his dedication to lifelong learning.

Absolutely.

And his ability to adapt to the constantly changing demands of the industry.

Yeah. He's always trying to find new ways to improve

both on his own and as part of a team.

As we wrap up this deep dive into David Watson's career,

Yeah.

what are some key takeaways our listeners can apply to their own journeys?

I think one of the biggest lessons is to embrace limonality.

Be willing to constantly learn and adapt.

Yeah. David's career is definitely not a straight line and he thrived in those moments of change, taking on new challenges and expanding his skill set.

Exactly. Be comfortable with uncertainty and be willing to learn and adapt as the tech world changes.

Don't be afraid to explore different things.

Step outside your comfort zone and build a diverse set of skills.

Yeah. And another takeaway is the power of connecting those seemingly unrelated experiences.

Right. Like David's background in music, his entrepreneurial ventures, and his deep understanding of technology all came together to build this unique and successful career.

It's about recognizing that every experience, even the ones that seem totally unrelated, yeah, can actually inform our work and give us valuable insights.

Embrace those diverse interests and let those threads connect and strengthen our overall approach.

And finally, I think it's about finding meaning where your passions and expertise intersect.

David's work isn't just a job.

It's It's an expression of his values, his creativity,

and his desire to make a positive impact.

He found that sweet spot where his skills, interests, and purpose all come together.

It's a great reminder that we can all shape our own career journeys.

We can

embrace our unique experiences and find that place where our passions and expertise converge.

David Watson's story is a great example of what's possible.

It is

when we embrace limonality, connect the dots, and do work that aligns with our values.

We encourage you to check out David's work. Maybe take a look at his GitHub profile or connect with him on LinkedIn.

Yeah. And as always, we'd love to hear your thoughts on this deep dive.

What resonated with you? What insights will you carry forward? Until next time, keep diving.