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I will be discussing the method in which I use to evaluate and solve issues. I would first like to explain the background that led me to this point in my critical thinking skills that are continually evolving with age and life experiences. I was raised with a lot of structure, things had to be put back in their original spot where they were retrieved. Laundry was folded in a particular way, beds made exactly the way my parents wanted them, teeth brushed before bed, bedtimes enforced, etc.

You may be asking what this has to do with creative or computational thinking at this point, keep reading. When I was growing up, I used to make a game on how to organize my room and what would it be like if I did it this way versus the standard. I love to organize garages, rooms, schedules, paperwork, and a lot more. My organization techniques were based upon the foundations that my parents strictly enforced. However, over time I evolved these techniques to the way I though best and applied them to all aspects of my life. The topic I will be discussing is problem solving.

I like to keep things simple rather than complicated, rather it be an IOT network or servicing automobiles. Typically, I start with the root of the problem. If I don’t understand the core issue than I cannot get to the end solution. Once I understand the problem, I imagine the steps necessary to implement a solution. If the solution or steps are not clear I conduct research to come up with an appropriate end result. Does this fix the original issue? Possibly, sometimes there has to be a compromise depending on the solutions, resources, or time available.

How could I make this process more effective? I love to conduct research on various topics that I am willing to be involved in. I need to learn to step out of my comfort zone and try to obtain knowledge of my weak subject areas. My weak areas include free-hand drawing, art in general, and misreading people’s emotions. I usually deal in facts and despise when people diagnose there issues improperly.

When a person asks me to solve an issue, I usually like to obtain enough information and a demo to clearly understand the issue. I typically learn something new about that person during this process, as well as about the topic being worked on. Sometimes I want to be rude because the person says the network is slow and then spreads that around the office, so I get flooded with complaints that aren’t based on facts, a lot like the run around with my head cutoff for no reason effect.

Typically, when I get emotionally involved and come to find out that it had nothing to do with the network at all. I shut down and want to be isolated from the trolls in the office. The reasoning for this behavior is that I just made everyone out to be a liar, so I don’t trust them, and I get burnt out dealing with stupid. I am a facts-based thinker; however, I always go in with a clear mind though. I need to work on not getting emotionally attached to a situation.

In retrospect I like to solve problems unless it deals with heights or rude people. I could always change something up, but I’m relatively happy with the way I solve issues. I’m going back to live in my factual box at this point. I have a 99% success rate when approaching situations with a clear mind. I usually have to be creative, because I work in a production environment that does not always allow for proper solutions during active work hours. If the solution is not clear as day, I have to come up with a work around until I can find a better solution or have the time to implement.