# Why Do I Blog?

## Who I am

I am a recent university graduate, working as a drilling engineer at Shell Canada. I design and execute drilling programs that put wells in the ground for oil and gas extraction to the surface. It’s a well paying job that has great potential for career progression, and I only work half the year on my fly-in-fly-out schedule. I have paid off my debt, and have started to save for a home in my new hometown, Calgary. I seem to have my life set out for me, but I’m not happy. Why?

You see, I’m a millennial. I have been a working professional for a year now, and I’m bored. I want my job to be challenging every day – in a good way. But instead, I struggle with slow technology adoption, difficult bureaucratic layers, and a poor work-life balance. I work in a volatile commodity economy where my job can be cut at any time, and until then, I continue to work in a gloomy workplace with everyone else expecting further layoffs.

I wanted to get in, but now I want to get out. Peter Thiel talks about this very same paradox when he graduated from law school and became a lawyer. While it had its perks, it had its downsides. When he finally quit, his coworkers were impressed he “got out”. But there’s nothing stopping them; they exit through the doors at the end of the day, and they just don’t have to come back. It’s that easy.

## Funny intro, audience

1. Cost of University Degree = $15k/year \* 4 years = $60k. We graduate high school, unprepared to decide a lifelong career but pushed to decide anyway. We go through university, expecting a job at the end, only to find the job outlook from 4 years ago have changed, the economy has changed, and frankly, there aren’t any jobs! Rich dad poor dad.
2. Did you know \_\_\_? Or \_\_\_\_? See, we’re so heavily influenced by what we see around us, we don’t think about what is going on around the world. The world is flat + india, silicon valley + Xerox, self-driving cars.

## Vision and purpose

I’m not sure what direction this blog will take, but I’m going to use this blog to discuss my general purpose and vision.

* Find my voice
* Share what I know
* Motivate me to learn what I don’t know

## About myself

* What I know
  + Education
  + Employment
  + Energy
  + Climate change
* What I want to know
  + Tech + growth
  + Politics

## Conclusion

I hope you’ll join me on this journey of learning, and inspire you to make the decision to get out of your comfort zone, complacent, stable life and pursue something bigger, greater and filled with purpose.

* 1. I’m not an expert, but I want to share things that I have had the benefits of being exposed to.
  2. I’m on a journey, and I want to share my lessons with you as I learn them

I’ve learned more since graduation than I have in my 5 years of university – and it has only been a year.

In school, I was set on high marks and a good job upon graduation. I did just that. I studied hard, gained 2 years of engineering work experience and graduated to become a drilling engineer in the energy industry.

I was challenged and compensated well.

“everyone wants to get in, everyone wants to get out.”

Old mindset

In the words of my friend Paul, I was “a great employee”.

New mindset

Share the journey

# Is Post-Secondary Education Useful?

# Are we SpOILed?

* 1. What does a world without oil look like? Is our growing energy use sustainable in the future?
  2. Oil Required = Energy Demand = Economic growth
  3. Shell 2050 lenses, mountains and oceans, natural gas plays

# Canadian Politics

# Silicon Valley Business Review, Growth Lecture Series

# Paul Graham

# Emre