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Who am I?
A self-taught programmer and now a web developer, electronics engineer by education. I love problems, I love solutions and I love abstraction.

What can I do?
I love python, have been programming in it for 4 years now. Can do a bit of C, never used it in any of my live projects, but I learnt programming in it.

django, javascript, coffeescript, html, css, sass, redis, riak, Cassandra, elasticsearch, mongodb, couchDB, mysql, postgresql, mariaDB, rabitMQ, zeroMQ, celery, haproxy, nginx, varnish, nodejs, git are few of the words that are used in my day to day conversations. Can also do a bit of objective-C – iOS development and java too.

What do I do?
Since February 2011 have been working in Dubai for dubizzle.com. Started as in intern, now Technical Lead; leading a team of 8 ninja developers.
Saw the site grow from 1 million pvs a day to 20 million a day. The website is in three languages.

- DataAPI: Responsible for supporting the growth – moved away from traditional MySQL store to an elaborate datastore using redis, riak and elasticsearch. The application communicated to the dataAPI over http.

- Refactor: Moved away from a single monolithic app to smaller purpose oriented applications, while rewriting the base app from scratch. The base app was rolled out in 6 weeks.

- Developed a new interview process, standardizing hiring procedures for engineers across the company. A new onboarding process, that reduced the time for a new developer to come up to speed from 3 months to 1 month.

Also a Co-founder of wepul.com – a website based on collaborative economy, written in django and uses postgres.

What do I want to do?
Actually develop an API that adheres to all of the rules of REST.
Start using strongly-typed languages more, especially functional. Something like scala or clojure.
Also start contributing more to the open source community.

What would you find me doing after work?
Dissing people on reddit and aweing over new ideas on hackernews.
Trying to come up with the next big thing.
But mostly in a Bar talking about the meaning of life and why we exist.