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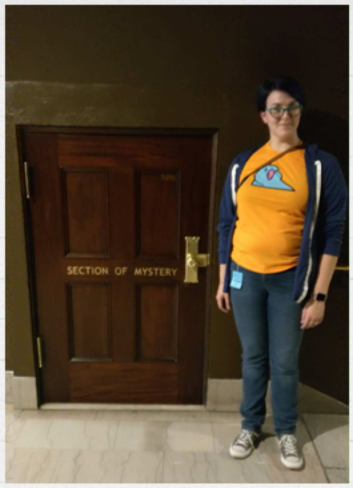

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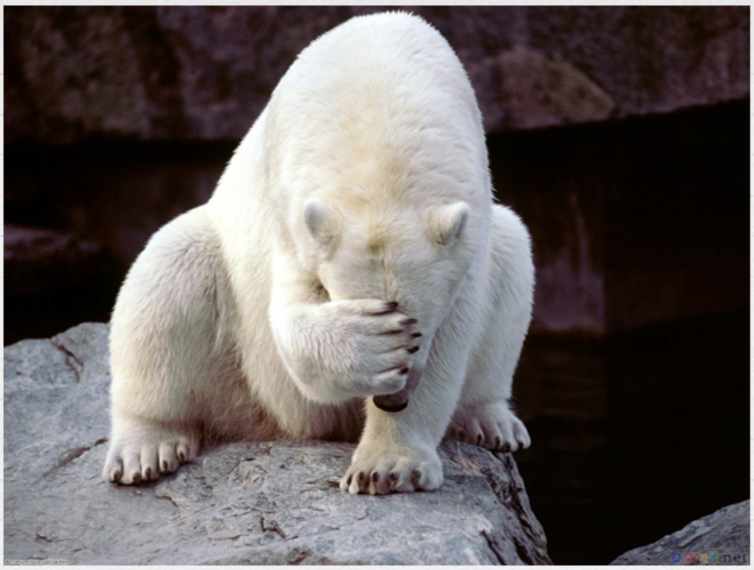
Commodore 64



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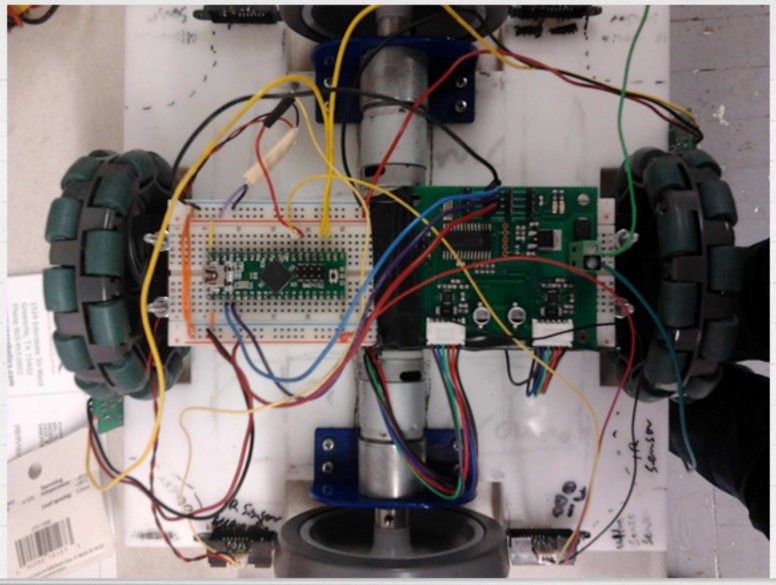

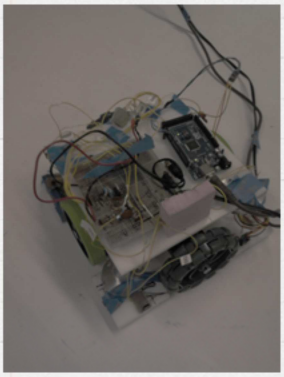

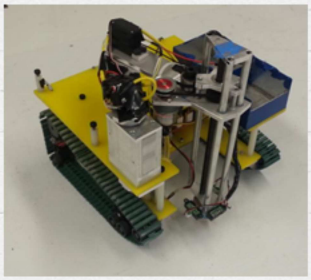

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A Commodore 64 personal computer, along with monitor, 5 1/4" floppy drives, and joysticks.

I was probably in first grade when I wrote my first computer program. My parents had a Commodore 64. (If you're a bit younger, it was about equivalent in power to the original Nintendo game system.) My dad taught me how to put in a floppy disk, flip the lever to lock it in, then type **LOAD "*",8,1**. I had no clue what that meant, but the computer listened. I eventually learned there were a lot of other commands you could enter to do a variety of other things, and the computer listened to all of them. It fascinated me. I copied programs in from the instruction manual, then would change them, or add on to them, to make the

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TRY
FAIL
SUCCESS

Final Thoughts

1) Failure will happen (and often). Embrace it!
2) Get a great support system
3) Try out those open doors, even if you think you can't

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Thanks!

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