# Self-Identification

- University of Tennessee (B.A. American Studies, 2015)

- <Misc> (2015-2020)

- Tech Talent South Bootcamp (2020)

- Developer -> Senior Developer, MWW On Demand (2020-2022)

- Interim CIO, Manual Woodworkers & Weavers (2022)

- Consultant & Software Developer, Emerging Technologies, CGI Federal (Present)

# A short defense of "Web3"

- Originally coined by Gavin Wood (Ethereum co-founder)

  - Advocates for reorganizing web applications around decentralizing protocols, blockchain technologies, and token-based economics

- Distributed ledger technologies are useful for some things, but are largely overhyped

- Decentralized finance (Defi) is noise. You can safely ignore it.

- "Web3" is posturing

  - Marketing term driven by startups, consultants, and VC/PE firms to sell products & build hype.

  - "Cloud"