

# About Me

Hi, I'm Maiku. I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Computer Science major at York University. In order for me to tell you about myself, I'll have to talk about the people that molded me into who I am today. My parents.

I was born to a Japanese father and a Korean mother, who wanted my sister and I to be exposed to as many things as possible, in hopes that it would help build character. One way they tried to do this was by moving to a whole new country, Malaysia, where I spent 13 years of my life.

Being exposed to a new country and its culture as well as going to an international school, where I would be around people from all over the world each with their own perspective and thoughts, I had to learn to be understanding and adapt quickly. This helped me develop a trait/strength which I believe is the core of who I am as a person, and that trait being *open-mindedness*.

Without this trait, I wouldn't have found my passion in programming and therefore my interest in studying computer science. A small part of being open-minded is being open to new ideas and being resourceful, which helped me in my studies and coming up with solutions in general.

*"I know that I know nothing"* or commonly paraphrased as *"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing"* quoted by the philosopher Socrates, is one that has stayed with me since the day I came across it whilst reading. My takeaway from this quote is that when you know that you know nothing, it keeps you in the mindset that learning is a lifelong journey. This mindset is one that I live by and hopefully never stop believing in.

With all that being said, I'd like to mention that my biggest inspiration is none other than my parents. Without their sacrifice and courage to be able to leave behind everything and start a new life in a different country for their children, I wouldn't be where I am today. They've taught me that anything is possible when you believe in yourself and the goals you're trying to achieve.