Why I decided to study Software Engineering

Starting-out

When I was young, I wanted to be a rocket scientist. I don’t think I knew what a rocket scientist did and I’m still not sure, but I ended up being an accountant. Much of my accounting career involved investigating differences in reconciling sets of accounts.

Broadening horizons

Understanding the source of the data and why systems were set up like they were became more interesting to me than the actual accounting side, so I made a move into the data governance space as a data governance advisor. In this role, I enjoyed learning more about the interaction between data and systems and I did a couple of small courses in SQL, Python and networking.

Time out

Taking some time out from the workplace was my next move after data governance. The time off was something I needed to do after experiencing some major life events that altered my world completely. When I was ready to think about returning to the workplace, I decided that I would make a career change into the IT space.

New beginnings

Lots of online searching led me to a software engineering course. It could be balanced with my part-time role as a board company secretary and had many of the elements I was interested in like programming, data bases, career support and remote working opportunities. I also like the open-source ethos of the software world and there seems to be a real sense of community and wanting to share knowledge.

The journey

Overall, I feel like software engineering will be a career that I will enjoy. Satisfying my analytical side, stimulating my creativity and providing an open and supportive community to help me on my journey.