

**Name:** James Palmer

**Where I live:** I live in Gladstone, Oregon

**My Educational Background:** I graduated from Oregon State with a dual degree in Spanish and International Degrees.

So why computer science? I took a study abroad while working on my pre-med focus undergrad. It was a time in my life where I needed to get away from work (EMT-Basic at the time) and Corvallis life, so I took a shot in going abroad to learn a language. I ended up falling in love with the language and traveling. I came back with the idea of finding another goal (way to use my Spanish abilities) and I found this current program. The idea of developing a large project (programming orientated) that can not only change the world for the better or have some impact internationally intrigues me. I always enjoyed tinkering and tuning games or objects in my house from a younger age, in short, everything fell together. Now I am focusing on this while working full time, with a future goal in using CS. Not sure which direction CS will take me, but I am enjoying the ride, so far. However, my computer science knowledge is very limited. I only have experience with c++ (from classes) and python on my own. This term will be a switch with learning C in this class and intelx84 in another class. Currently work 40+ hours a week at Curt Faus LLC.

**Fun Fact:** Enjoy brewing beer, rock climbing and snowboarding. Took last term off due to financial reasons, this term might be a little rough. Who else in the Portland area is enjoying our snow day today?

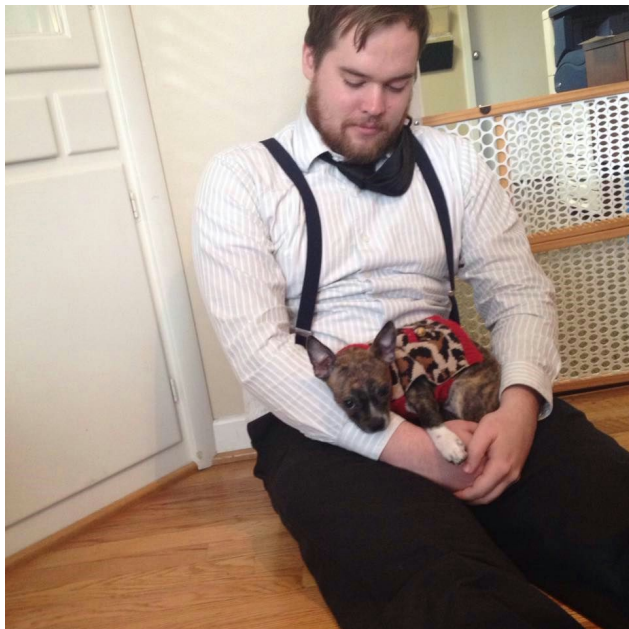


Photo: Me with the new office puppy named

Zoe.