My story

I come from China, my name is Haowen Xue, born in the suburbs of Chengdu, it’s a beautiful city, known for spicy food and pandas, I will miss everything in Chengdu, especially food and people.

My parents like playing mahjong and drinking tea to spend leisure time. They and most of the people in town were employed by a company when I was young, contributed their whole life to the company. The small town we lived is near by the company. People there are very kind, the social circles are very small too, but every two persons can be related through their friends.

When I was 18, I left my home for college, Chengdu University of Technology. There I got my bachelor’s degree, found the path to computer science. I studied C# and some courses like database and data structure in college, but it’s hard to find a good job. I served as an ERP implementation engineer for Inspur for one year, anyway, It’s a technique position, but I can not learn something valuable from my work. I realized that I should stop to change, then I studied java. Few months later, I became a software engineer in BOCO(Bright Oceans Corporations), and worked for over 2 years.

The project I have been working on at BOCO was to complete the cloud transformation of our indicator services. The services are supposed to handle mass of data, it requires intensive data science and cloud computing knowledge from time to time, it’s a little bit difficult with my existing background. Especially when it comes to the problem of speed. In the mean time, I think technologies in Data Science and Cloud Computing will be widely used in the future. It would be great if I could learn those new technologies.

Fortunately, I received an invitation from MUM a year ago. I feel this program will be a precious opportunity for me because it can provide study and work opportunities at the same time. For my career, it offers a special track on data science, that’s what interests me the most. Since it can help me gradually move to the direction of data analysis and application. I like these courses like Software Engineering, Cloud Computing and Big Data Analytics, in those I will learn typical tools, common frameworks, and classical algorithms used in data processing and application. For me personally, I am a bit weak in public speaking, especially when I am using English. I was extremely shy back in college, couldn’t even stand up and speak to small groups. I’ve made some progresses I think, but still I want to be more comfortable and confident when I am presenting to others. It’s a good way to take participate in many different activities like soccer club, I can play full-back, midfield, even if my skill is not very good.

Finally, I hope I can enjoy the campus life, make everything achieved. Because I believe that studying at MUM is a turning point of my life.