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Q: How did you select your college major, certification program, or career path?

A: I was interested in computers as far back as I can remember. When I started high school I got a job at a local company and quickly became the resident computer expert (building simple websites, creating customer databases, etc.).

I began looking for majors that would allow me to build on that interest and found computer science. After completing my bachelor's degree, I wanted to continue my education with something that would supplement my technical skills in computer science. With a focus on process improvement and project management, industrial engineering was a great fit.

Q: What was the biggest influence in your selection of career path?

A: The job I mentioned above really sparked my interest in working in a technology field as a career. I enjoyed the problem solving opportunities and ever-changing nature of the work.

Q: If you could go back to high school and select any elective course to take that would have better prepared you for college/career, what would it be?

A: At that time, a basic computer programming course was not offered at my high school, but it would have been very helpful to get some level of programming concepts before getting to college.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of your job?

A: I enjoy leveraging technology to solve business problems and working with a great team of people to do so.

Q: How do you/your company make a positive impact on society/our community?

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