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Experiences to Careers

The rapid rise of digital technology has made it become a modern-day necessity. It has evolved from being used by small experimental groups to now by everyone. Although these devices we use every day may seem simple to create, it is the complete opposite. There is a massive amount of work needed to create these devices such as a computer or a phone. This ranges from all the hardware to the software used for such devices. Many people don't put much thought into this topic. However, it should be considered by many since technology is always evolving and will eventually reach a point where it is impossible to live without. Personally, it was something that inspired me. Being able to own such a device and having the power of a computer in the palm of my hand fascinated me. Experiencing can lead the way for many things in the future.

Being introduced to modern-day technology can be done in various ways. The most common method is through video games. Kids generally get a complete sense of video games which puts interest in playing more video games. Personally, I was first introduced to the Sega Dreamcast. It has a special place in my childhood because it brought joy and relaxation to me. Just that feeling of going home after school and turning the console to play Mortal Kombat with my brother. Yes, I understand that I was maybe around 4-5 playing Mortal Kombat but, it hasn't

damaged me in anyway, so I guess everything worked out in the end. As the years went by, I got

introduced to my personal tablet. This was a huge step up from just video games. It was a

computer in a smaller form factor. It was at the time more powerful than the computer my father

owned, although it was only like 3 years old. Nonetheless, this device created the start of a

special relationship between technology and me. However, when I received my first phone it

changed everything. This was a massive turning point in my life. It basically would gather my

interest in technology. Using this device allowed me to watch YouTube videos in which I would

try to jailbreak my own device to unlock new features that were not available to the general

public. In addition, to jailbreaking my device, as the years went on and I familiarized myself

with this technology, eventually my own family members started asking to help them with

certain problems they had with their devices.

This would all end up tying together and giving me the idea of pursuing a career in the

computer field. Thankfully, in high school my school was a CTE (Career and Technical

Education) school in which they offered various programs. Luckily for myself there were

computer technology courses which of course I applied for and took. Eventually, graduating with

well known certifications such as NOCTI and C-Tech Copper which could land good jobs who

require experience. Although, I was given a head start in computer education, I felt like this

wasn't the ultimate goal I wanted to study. This is where I would refer back to the days when I

used to download and hack all these devices. Remember seeing a bunch of words that at the time

seemed like something only a machine would understand. Putting more thought into this I was

eventually able to find out that there are people in the word who typed all those words I couldn't

understand so that I could easily use the program.

A programmer created all the applications used to make the jailbreaking possible. Not only applications but also every single piece of software. This is where I discovered my career field which is Computer Science. Being able to create applications just by using a coding language was quite incredible. Languages such as Python, java, c+, etc. are some of the more common languages used in everyday programs. Seeing as multiple languages are available it creates multiple career paths in computer science. This ranges from a video game programmer to a software engineer in which both must apply the same process as a programmer. In these career paths, you must be creative and innovative in order to create an effective program. Essentially, this has allowed me to improve in various ways. Ways such as my creativity and problem-solving in general. Mentally, this changed my view on how I would see the world. Before, it would just be a small experience, and think very little about it. Now, I'm more open to learning about everything whether it will be useful in the future. This is how it should be because through experiences humans learn the most. Experiences are kept as memories which can be explained later as you encounter another experience that can answer the previous one. Many ground-breaking inventions came through experiences.

In life, you go through various experiences whether they are meaningful. However, all these experiences end up coming together as a sequence that ends up potentially shaping who you are. Sometimes it might even decide your future career or interests. In other words, really take the time to fully understand what you experience and what you can learn from it. The human brain always learns as you experience something new and connects the dots to create a passion or field of interest. Such as my story, with technology. Being exposed to technology was

beneficial as it changed many components of myself mentally. Provided a deeper understanding

of what I experienced. As I further refer back to my experiences, I can see the series of events

that led up to that specific moment in which I felt a connection with the experiences. Sometimes

have one recurring experience may indicate what you may destined for leading to at the bare

minimum, one path or open up a tremendous number of paths. The final takeaway is that always

be aware of what you experience and take the time to fully understand the situation as it can

provide beneficial information.