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July 2017 - Works at: Regeneron in Tarrytown, NY

General Field of Work

Biological/Life/Pharmaceutical Sciences, Computer Science / Programming

Undergraduate Education

Diploma in Computer Studies from University of Derby; Bachelors in Management from University of Phoenix for Computer Science, Management

Minor: No reply

Undergraduate Non-Academic Interests: No reply

Graduate Education

No reply

Professional Societies or Organizations

Member of Scrum Alliance; Certified Scrum Professional

What high school academic interests led to your college & career path?

I enjoyed playing around and making computers do what I wanted them to do

Please briefly describe your path to your current job

After high school, worked in factory jobs unrelated to current career. Went back to college, and achieve a diploma (associates equivalent). Moved to the US and took an entry-level tech job as a systems analyst. Worked my way up to manager, then director. On the way, undertook a degree in management while working full time.

What are a few things that you like best about your job?

It changes all the time. There are always new problems to solve. We are at the intersection between people and technology, and that keeps it unpredictable but interesting...

What are the most important technical skills needed in your job?

Understanding of how software applications are created. Understanding of how software solves real-world problems. understanding of how people work together to make software that solves real-world problems.

What are the most important non-technical skills needed in your job?

Facilitation skills. Empathy. Active listening. Critical Thinking.

What are some of the most challenging aspects of your job?

Software will do whatever you program it to do. It's people that can be unpredictable. We have to be able to adapt to changing needs and shifting trends; we have to keep people happy with the software we deliver.

Any advice for students about to begin their college career in September?

In today's economy, and in the world of tomorrow, everyone should know how to code!
