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This is a little about who I am, what I like to do, and how I like to work.

This is a work in progress. Just like me.

Who I am

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Born and raised in Ottawa.

I started out in Environmental Engineering at University of Waterloo and realized I loved software development even more, so I switched to Computer Science at Carleton University.

I enjoy the feeling of using computers to solve problems and puzzles.

I love to learn and I'm excited to apply my skills.

What I like to do

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I like seeing ideas come to fruition through code.

Calming the chaos with automated solutions makes me happy.
Automated build/test/deploy increases quality and joy.

I really like finding better ways of doing stuff when I find
inefficiencies.

I enjoy refactoring to improve the quality of the system. I
like it when the system doesn't break because there are
tests in place.

How I like to work

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Feedback is critical to my success. I will strive to be open and curious to better understand opportunities for personal improvement.

I like when I can bounce ideas off others. Pairing and mobbing are great tools to get to better solutions.

I find code reviews to be very helpful for improving my skills as a developer and to have our software always in a working state.

What else?

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I want to know the why behind what I'm doing.

I want to be able to continuously grow. Being in a blame-based culture won't help me grow.

Ideally I would have mentorship to learn best practices and quickly ramp up to speed.

Intellectual Consumptions (influences)

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Podcasts

- Accidental Tech Podcast
- Planet Money
- Hello Internet
- Reconcilable Differences
- Invisibilia
- (many more…)

Books

- Sapiens
- What If?
- Organized Mind
- The Paradox of Choice

Websites

- Reddit (devops, learnprogramming, …)
- Hacker News
- Codewars
- Stack Exchange
- New York Times