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I grew up in Windsor and London Ontario playing a number of sports (baseball, basketball, football...). I attended the University of Waterloo, obtaining a Bachelor of Mathematics degree, majoring in Computer Science (Combinatorics & Optimization minor). I grew up in the trucking industry and was lucky enough to get a position with a large Canadian trucking firm in their IT area as a junior programmer. Applying my industry knowledge and the computer science and C&O studies, I got involved in some very interesting projects that were not typically associated with a junior programmer.

Officially, I run a regional computer network support company with a staff of thirty five, located across Southwestern Ontario. There are not too many aspects of the firm I do not get involved in, from sales, through supplier and employee relationships.

After a few years, my independence streak came to the fore and I went out on my own as a contractor to help provide software solutions to smaller Canadian businesses. Over time that progressed to an equity position in my current company and over the last 10 years I have managed to work on building our firm up to a respectable size working with a large number of companies across southwestern Ontario. Much of the work I do is analytical in trying to predict trends and look for ways to improve our business and what it delivers to our clients. Much of business is trying to work through competing issues and determine a 'best' course of action given imperfect data.

I've been lucky in that I have kept in touch with a number of high school teachers and university friends whom I met through my Mathematics studies. It has been a real treat to get to know them better as I have matured, and to find out their personal interests and the similar experiences they had to mine in the studies they completed. My hobbies include golf, hiking, recreational sports (slo pitch and basketball) and generally trying to keep up with my children.

One of the core things that I took from my studies was that a problem that exists in 'n' space typically must be solved in 'n+1' space. In business jargon, I always thought that meant to handle the issues in your world,

think outside the box.