

How i got interested  
in computer science  
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Personal ment My interest in computers has sparked since I was around 6 years old. My brother and I used to share a single computer. My brother, being 7 years older, used more complicated applications like Microsoft Word and Powerpoint, while I was limited to playing Age of Empires and Roller Coaster Tycoon. This, however, was the perfect opportunity for me to explore more about computers. I would sit beside my brother while he worked on the PC, and from this I learned a lot about Microsoft Office. I subsequently flaunted my new-found knowledge in my computing classes at school, at which my teachers and friends would be amazed because I already knew so much about computers. This prompted me to learn more, so I took my first computing course at the age of 6.

Overtime my computer literacy evolved from basic Microsoft Office applications to advanced programming. Along with books like Hardy Boys, Robin Cook and Enid Blyton, I bought books that guided me through more complicated but effective use of computers. I studied C++ and HTML, and in no time I was able to perform basic operations using the two. At 16, I was able to create a website for my groups Project Work (Singapore A-Level subject) that taught Hainanese (a declining dialect in Singapore). By this time my older brother was already pursuing his B. Tech. in Computer Sciences and Engineering in I. I. T. Mumbai, and eventually worked for Microsoft Research for a couple of years before setting up his own company. This has further inspired me to pursue my own interest in Computer Science as a career, and consequently became one of the factors why I chose to apply for a B. Tech. course in Computer Science at the University of Wisconsin.

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At the University of Wisconsin, students are expected to be holistically competent and excellent, and I believe I am fully qualified as one. In the academic field, I have always been adept at analytical and logical reasoning. By the time I finished secondary school, I had completed numerous puzzles, riddles and IQ books. These books were instrumental in making me more logical, which contributed greatly to my winning the prestigious National Talent Search Examination scholarship, the highest scholarship award and best academic recognition given by the Government of India. Furthermore, my fondness for analysis and logic became the reason behind my passion for Math and Physics, and why I was able to perform consistently well in these subjects during my SIA scholarship period at St. Andrews Junior College, Singapore.

In sports, I can also say that I am reasonably competent. For 2 consecutive years, I participated in a local lawn tennis tournament, finishing with a winners or runners-up trophy in each attempt. Last 2004, I competed in the national level and was awarded the most promising player in my age group. In addition, I was vice captain of my school cricket team, and led the team during the national championships. Also, I co-founded a team for my school for a local sport called Tchoukball. Through these, I developed both mental and physical endurance, and at the same time learned to value determination and team work.

These experiences taught me the right attitude and discipline to work hard and excel in all my undertakings. It would be a great pleasure to prove this once I am given the chance to study at the University of Wisconsin. Right now I am serving as my home's technology advisor, but I hope to upgrade as

a full time software programmer soon. Meanwhile, I am looking forward to pursue the degree that I really love and enjoy.