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Real-life Programmers

This series lets developers share their journey as a way to inspire others. Get to know Adrian:

Initial goal

When I was a teenager, my parents got me my first PC, and I got a modem with it, which I could hook to the telephone and get access to the world. It was mind-blowing—and I loved it.

His journey

Was at university studying electronics and communications, and it was also a Networking Academy, so I enrolled and did my CCNA. That led to an internship in a neighboring country at a Cisco partner, where I got my CCNA certification. This led to another job with a big Cisco customer in another country, where I studied for my Masters and did my CCNP. Then another job in a different country, where I did my CCIE. A common element: everything was Cisco.

How stars aligned for success

1. Networking Academy courses were really good—and all online, which back then was something new
2. My Networking Academy studies gave me the option of traveling and interacting with people around the world
3. Work challenges have been amazing: built 2 data centers from scratch
4. Joined Cisco the year DevNet started, so I started migrating my skills to sw dev and network programmability
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Favorite part of the job



There's something new all the time. Love the engineering aspect and solving issues from the past with technology.



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Advice for others

1. Follow your passion—then it won't feel like you're working one day in your life.
2. Enjoy the ride. Once you start, it's going to be amazing.