

Darren's Resume of Failure

This is my resume of failures/experiences in my life that led me to where I am today. Life is a stream of endless setbacks and I've attribute these obstacles to my growth. This list will always be added to.

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START



- video/computer game addict
- unmotivated, average student
- doing bare minimal

2006

Not admitted into middle school of choice

- ★ Avoided bad company, got into best class w favorite subject combination of Triple Science.

2009

[1st Crossroad] Did not qualify for Junior College of choice

- 3rd in entire school but still did not qualify (L1B4:10 L1R5:12).

• [Crossroads] On the fence between Junior College & Polytechnic; Still unclear what I wanted to do in life.

- Wanted to become a doctor help people.

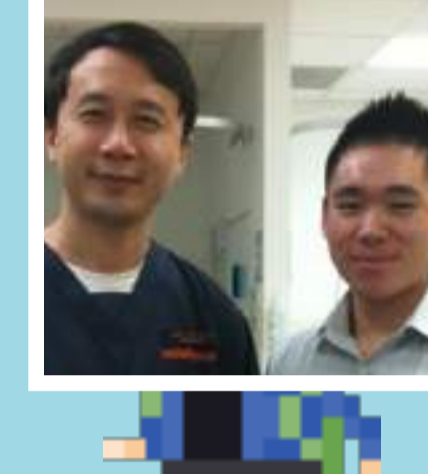
★ Decided on Diploma in Biomedical Science at Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

2012

Got average grade for Final Year Project (B grade).

- Learned importance of good communication, planning, and teamwork.

- ambition to be a doctor
- motivated student
- gained a lot of hands-on exp



2012

[2nd crossroad] Did not get into Med School (GPA 3.65).

- Did well (A's + B's) but not enough for Med school.

• Shadowed doctor at National University Hospital → discovered not cut out to be Medical Doctor.

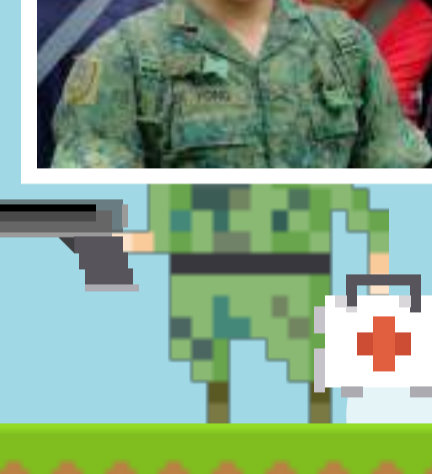
• [Crossroads] Wish to help people still → Ambition change: United Nations as Policy Maker for a bigger impact → Decided on Economics.

2013

Did not into Economics, Singapore Management University (1st choice).

- Not scheduled for interview.
- ★ Decided NUS to study Economics.

- learned important life skills
- groomed discipline and honor



2013

Did not get into Leadership School during National Service.

- Out of Course (OOC) on Day 5 of Basic Military Training; Fractured lower ribs.

• Became a medic, learned valuable life skills, and returned to BMT to complete training.

• Became unfit during the two years.

★ Made use of free time by learning Japanese language and taking classes.

2015

Did not succeed in application for Nagoya University (Japan) scholarship.

- Applied but did not make next round
- Passed through preliminary rounds but only 1 awardee.
- ★ Studied local (NUS).

2015

[3rd crossroad] Poor performance in Economics

- Lagging behind in economics
- Unsure about continuing → Back at crossroads again

• Joined entrepreneurship pitching competition and won 2nd place for idea → Couldn't find people to start the idea but failed → Decided on self learn and change to Computer Science

★ Spent entire Summer 2016 learning basic web development (HTML, CSS, JS) and PhotoShop.

• Coded out portfolio and wrote letter to Dean of School of Computing with website.

2016

[4th crossroad] Did not transfer to Computer Science

• Failed transfer to Computer Science → Stayed in Arts, not sure which major → Chose Communications & New Media.

• Discovered the importance of school as an aid but self-guided learning is more important.

• Focused on design and frontend.

★ Applied for NOC and became 1 of 28 people in NOC Silicon Valley Batch 31 (NCSV31).

- amateur designer/web dev
- focused and eager to learn



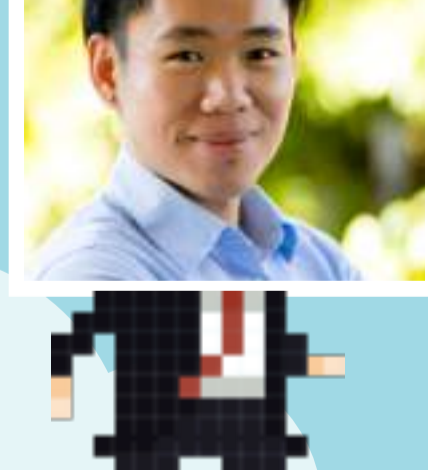
2017

Internship in Bay Area, CA

- Only designer in company and wanted to learn best practices
- Relied on networking and design communities on Facebook and Slack to learn from experts

• Saw the calibre of designers in the area and realized how long a way I've to go

- self-taught UX designer
- highly motivated, avid learner
- aspires to be a better designer
- picking up more skills & knowledge



2018

Summer Internship hunt

• Applied to >70 internships in the US for summer but none offered.

★ Recruiter at Sea Group found me on LinkedIn and I became the first UI/UX intern in the company.

"Fail faster, succeed sooner."

- D. Kelley, IDEO