

# A Personal Journey Through the Technical World

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- \* International student from Brazil
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  - \* Thesis on cyber security under Dr. Yang's supervision
- \* Moved to the Silicon Valley
- \* Worked at Intel on processor validation
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My work is great, my work is crap

Don't let your schooling  
interfere with your education

Mark Twain

Mentors may be rarer than they seem

Cannibalize your job  
aka. obviate your own position

Honor where you are and  
be kind to yourself  
It's a long journey

You are now a professional athlete

Beware of the golden handcuffs  
your dreams are worth more than that



Smarts and hard work  
will only get you so far

What has worked in the past  
may be holding you back today

Just because you see a race,  
it doesn't mean it's worth running