

The field of computers and mathematics had always held great interest and excitement to me. Ever since fourth class when I created my first web-page (using notepad!) I was interested in their excessive possibilities. I can call to any part of the world using almost any device that has a microphone because I am interested in voice communication and I am working with it. Informatics contests and my job had proven that there is an endless list of problems that are to be solved (for example, world lacks a good voice pattern recognition framework for VoIP). The university gives knowledge and research opportunities for this. I am a student heading to move forward the software.

In my current job I learned a great deal about virtual machines. Also called "green computers" they make impressive network and clustering solutions possible. I am creating a virtual server farm in my job, consequently we will have only two servers instead of nine plus backups which we now have without virtualization. I prefer making everything clean and efficient so it allows me to concentrate on business model and features, not bugfixes.

Since fifth grade I had been participating in olympiads in informatics and mathematics. I felt great curiosity in problems introduced in those subjects and the process of solving was fascinating. Hard work and profound interest were rewarded with achievements of first places (I have won first place in national olympiads in informatics twice) in national olympiads. I would like to continue exploring these fields in higher level in the university. Once in an open lecture in UK there was a tutor who hacked into a Linux machine using stack overflow technique. "Knowledge is power", - he said. There I realized that university can show me the broad spectrum of subjects and possibilities.

University has a high concentration of motivated and capable students. This provides a great medium for collaboration which is needed to develop ideas too big to work on alone. Lots of people are involved in developing large-scale open source projects like Linux kernel or Mozilla Firefox. I feel that open source will eventually overcome proprietary software and I want to be a part of this process.

Talking about my personal life, I love doing sports. Me and my team (3 members) took the first place in Lithuania ski orienteering championship in 2006. This is how I relax after intensive mental work and increase productivity. Furthermore, from time to time I organize trips for small groups of people to some interesting places in Baltic states. Sometimes I take people out of home just to light a campfire and sleep under the stars together. Trips and journeys expand outlook, cultural horizon as well as understanding of different beliefs. This allows me to concentrate on work rather than dealing with cultural differences while collaborating with other nationality or religion people.

What is more, I always loved reading books. I like J. Kerouac, O. de Balzac, J.R.R. Tolkien... Books show points of view I would never acknowledge while living regularly. For example, from D. J. Morris "The Naked Ape" I realised that monogamism is physically natural for a human. I did not know that before and thought it is a shrewd rule for the present society in order to exist. Such ideas give self-confidence, consistency between subconsciousness and regular mind in my personal life. This is just one of the evolution theories, which may be right or wrong. However, this is what the books are. Opinions that give material for discussions and considerations.