

"I joined IBM in June, '65, in operations research.

"I liked the work well enough, but after a year and a half, I began to think that the ideal field for me was computer programming. (This is Alvin Palmer, an Associate Programmer at IBM.)

"But by this time, I was making a pretty good salary. So I was faced with a big question. Would IBM be willing to let me move into a new field which would mean going to school and not being productive for a while?

"The answer was 'yes.' I went to programming school full time for three months. And IBM continued to pay my full salary.

"I get a tremendous kick out of programming. You're telling a computer how to do its job, and it really gets you involved. Maybe because you're continually solving problems."

You don't need a technical degree

"Your major doesn't matter. There are plenty of programmers at IBM with degrees in liberal arts or business. What counts is having a logical mind.

"I'm making good progress in this field, so I'm glad I was able to make the change. I think it indicates how far IBM will go to help you make the most of your abilities."

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