

Why be a SE?

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Why be a SE and am I happy with the decision?

- + I didn't know what a SE was, so it wasn't in the plans
- + Once I started on the path...
- + Very happy, never looked back

If I were able to go back in time, what would I do differently?

- + Start sooner
- + Incorporate the tools and techniques into my work and life
- + Influence and persuade my employers and colleagues to either be or include SE
- + Jumped into problem solving sooner and into larger collaboration projects

What type of SE challenges have you faced in your career?

- + Most of the challenges have been because of resistance in some way, either to the process or to any type of change.
- + SE has a lot pieces, boxes to check, and specifics to document and test. This is a culture change for many.

What career decisions have you made that have made significant impact?

- + Besides my Masters in SE, I have my PMP and my Black Belt in Lean Six Sigma. This is a powerful toolbox. I was able to very effective in helping solve problems, streamline processes and create efficient and successful outcomes.
- + I'm a teacher now. Who knew? I use all my tools, all the time.

How did you find out that SE was the best career path for you?

- + I didn't. I really had no idea there was something called SE when I started down the engineering path. I got my first Master's in Electrical Engineering.
- + I was drawn to SE and it was a natural progression for me.