

Random Facts About My Life

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- My first job was at age 12 at a gray iron foundry.
- I worked in a restaurant for 5 years as a cook, busser, waiter, and dishwasher.
- I owned half of a business in high school doing computer repairs and selling computers and components (Complete with a reseller's license and wholesale accounts!).
- I have a BS in Computer Engineering From the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- I once slept overnight in an elevator.
- I can speak and understand Japanese (Advanced - [JLPT](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JLPT) level 2), and Spanish (Intermediate), and am trying to learn German (Beginner)
- I've competed in and completed a [100 mile high-altitude trail run](http://www.leadvillerraceseries.com/page/show/311976-1t-100-mile-run).
- I have four US patents in my name: [8868517](https://www.google.com/patents/US8868517), [8069285](https://www.google.com/patents/US8069285), [7979232](https://www.google.com/patents/US7979232), and [8331429](https://www.google.com/patents/US8331429).
- I have lots of experience programming in C, C++, PowerPC Assembler, ARM Assembler, and Intel IA32 assembler.
- I've helped deliver and castrate calves and butcher cows.
- My house and entire neighborhood burned down in the Waldo Canyon Fire (but I've since rebuilt).
- I've summited 32 14,000+ foot peaks (including a 44-mile round trip run from my front door to the summit of Pikes Peak and back).
- I've hiked the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.
- My fastest time up the [Manitou Incline](http://www.manitouincline.net/main.htm) is 25:25.
- I'm an expert at debugging PCI, PCI-Express, Serial Attached SCSI, and DDR-DRAM interfaces.



