

Teo's pathway into digital forensics

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In this Ted Talk presentation, the speaker, Davin Teo, introduces the audience to digital forensics, explains what he does in that job and how he ended up in that career path. He explains that he was originally trained as an accountant and began his career working as such. While in the accounting practice, the firm needed someone to help manage its computer networks, and Teo became involved with that work because of his interest and ability with technology.

The combination of his accounting experience and additional IT skills learned on the job eventually helped him move into one of the Big Four accounting firms of Australia. He was later given the opportunity to work in what he describes as the first national digital forensic practice in Australia and that opportunity became the beginning of his long-term career in digital forensics.

Teo's career illustrates how careers can be shaped by social and organizational circumstances, not merely individual educational choices. The needs of his workplace exposed him to IT and changes in technology created a new professional field and an organizational opportunity at a firm allowed him to enter that field. His career was therefore shaped by an interaction between individual interests, workplace opportunities, technological change, and institutional development.

His central message is that digital forensics involves using technology to reconstruct human actions from electronic evidence, and his own transition from accounting into the field demonstrates how curiosity, transferable skills, and adaptability can lead to a career in cybersecurity.

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