From Football Dreams to Cybersecurity: My Journey into the World of Technology

Since I was a child, technology always caught my attention. However, my first dream was to become a football player. I admired players like Ronaldinho and watched Neymar's moves, dreaming of becoming like them one day. In school, I wasn't the brainy kid — I was considered the troublemaker. I've always thought that in school there are three types of students: the responsible ones, who sit at the front and are the teacher's favorites; the middle class, who sit in the middle and are neither too responsible nor too mischievous; and the troublemakers — where I belonged — the ones always making jokes and having fun.

I always wanted to be a football player, so I didn't pay much attention to studying, although I was pretty good at math. Everything changed when I injured my ankle. With COVID-19 making things harder, I realized it would be difficult to get back in shape and had to face reality. That's when technology, which had always been in the background, started to spark my interest more. Watching hacker movies made me think: "I want to do that too." That was the real turning point towards technology.

Initially, my dream was to become a hacker, but over time, I discovered that systems engineering was much more than that. What truly fascinated me was the world of 0s and 1s — how something so simple could build such complex systems. My curiosity to understand how everything started led me to pursue this career.

As I progressed in my academic journey, I started leaning towards cybersecurity, networks, and programming. One phrase I learned during my career that became my motto is: "If you can imagine it, you can program it." This phrase inspires me every day to keep creating and automating processes because I believe this career is the future of the world.

The arrival of artificial intelligence has changed everything, and I know we must adapt to these new tools to make the most of them. During my studies, I've worked on several projects, including web development for a barbershop and a pharmacy. One of the projects I enjoyed the most was a Valentine's Day website, where I applied what I had learned and let my creativity flow.

My time at university has been amazing, not only for the knowledge I've gained but also for the friends I've made and learned from. Programming has become something I genuinely enjoy. I don't consider myself a top-notch expert, but I know I'm good at what I do. My goal is to keep improving, learning every day, and becoming the best version of myself.