

When others see only disaster, I see an opportunity: new technologies, new challenges and new responsibilities allow me to grow up and to improve myself each time I face them. Non-disclosure agreement has become part of my life, - keeping secrets is something natural for me and I know nothing worse than betrayal.

My IT career began as semi-administrator, I was working on improving the corporate information systems of a large university. There were many challenges and more ways to evolve than I ever could imagine. Most tasks were related to the systems I had never met before, but strong will to learn and mostly boundless trust of my bosses made me a valuable unit in this working process. I have met a large number of strong people, highly motivated, aimed to improve and innovate, and they all made a huge impact on me. From the technologies scope, I have been working with php, python, Java, various Linux'es, Windows Servers, VMware virtualisation, Cisco routers, corporate-level proxy and VPN, Internet providing services.

It was a nice place to start, but in about two years I understood, that I want something more: to have a different experience and probably to have less stressful work. That is how I started my career in middle-sized outsourcing company as a Quality Assurance engineer. The main goal of this company was to provide high-class specialists for different companies around the world, making those engineers working almost directly with the customer as some sort of contractor. This was a great experience, I learned a lot from the other side of the application development process: the process which makes end-users happy experience become real, building sort of a barrier between bad product and real customers. That is what Quality Assurance all about: the last frontier of the resistance before a product will leave the development and pass to the real world. I have worked there on the implementation of fully automated tests, learned to use several new protocols (like SNMP and tFTP), tested embedded software, met new hardware to test and new problems to solve (like testing QoS feature on the wireless router). The company was developing wireless routers used by lifeguards around the world to bring connectivity to the wildest and hard-to-reach regions. And so I thought my job also saves lives and it made me really proud of it.

It was a wonderful time. I thought it would be nice to build my career as QA engineer, because the culture of product testing was not much spread across my home region. And for me it was really nice opportunity to become a high-end specialist in this area. But the client company for some reason decided to reduce number of developers and QA engineers working for this project. And so my contract with this company ended few months after that.

Very soon my main employer moved me to another project in a software developer role. It was a startup using outsource power to make the world better without an extra cost. The main idea was to make infrastructure level backup to revive the whole client datacenter in the separated environment in case of an accident. This service was named Disaster Recovery. And so I continued to save lives. :)

My name is Evgeny Kabantsev, nice to meet you. ;)