



What does this look like? The ability to take extra leave, to work from afar and not have to stay in the office just because you don't want to be the first to leave. As long as the job gets done.

HOW DID YOU COME TO JOIN YOUR CURRENT COMPANY?

Moving away from family and friends was a big deal for me. If I was going to leave, I wanted my time in Singapore to be very different from what I had in Melbourne. In 2013 a friend from Melbourne asked if I'd lead the Southeast Asia expansion for his technology business. I jumped at the opportunity to build something for the region. It's forced me to develop new skills, expand my networks and changed my perspectives on business in Asia. I consider it an informal MBA.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first job was in the family auto repair business. It was a 'lucky' which meant doing preparation work for the various tradesmen and running errands for management. I loved the job because I learned about something I was passionate

about (cars) and it gave me a real-world context for my concurrent Commerce education. Despite what they say working with family was great and I hope I can do this again someday.



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WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR INDUSTRY AT THE MOMENT?

There is an oft-cited quote from the Asian Development Bank that approximately US\$8 trillion (and growing) needs to be spent across

Asia in order for its various populations to fulfil their economic potential. These are power stations, roads, train systems, sewerage treatment plants, telecommunications towers, ports, airports, that all need to be developed and built. In Singapore, we are fortunate in terms of taking good roads and infrastructure services for granted. However, in much of emerging Asia, people are not so fortunate. If US\$8 trillion is not seen as an 'opportunity' then I don't know what is!

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

Playing a part in facilitating access to infrastructure to an area where before there was none. These are things we in the developed world take for granted, but imagine: taking electricity as an example; suddenly people are able to access telecommunications, internet and news from the wider world, children have the ability to study at night, women are potentially able to start home-businesses as well as potentially benefiting from labour saving devices, trade routes are established and people become economically better-off from the trade