

Raven's Journal

Sat, 31 May 2003

2:36 PM

First entry

Just testing the service

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Smart

Music:

4:23 PM

Funny call

My mom called to tell me that my cousin Robert tried to ask my father for 20 dollars. Now, if you don't know my father, you would not find this funny. My father calls my cousin Robert "Beavis"

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Happy

Music:

Sun, 1 Jun 2003

9:46 AM

Someone in me!

Some get on AIM and talk to me!

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Bewildered

Music:

Mon, 2 Jun 2003

10:59 AM

I could really use a break

Way too many calls today. I suspect we are technically understaffed now.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Tired

Music:

2:14 PM

This is looking better

Now I'll need is privacy levels to completely switch from LiveJournal.

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Awake

Music: Hum of my lovely Power Mac G4

5:36 PM

Let's see what happens...

Test Link

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Smart

Music:

Tue, 3 Jun 2003

4:28 AM

Looking at site from work

If you have a justjournal account, feel free to test adding entries. If you receive any error messages (other than username and password errors), please send a copy of the error and what you were trying to enter. This helps us find out if some types of text is causing problems. Don't be afraid to try add html tags or unusual characters, etc... We need to find bugs.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Tired

Music:

10:43 AM

Website work tonight

I need to clean up my links page on my home page today.

Luke didn't find out until last night that there's a site called iamawitch.com

I suggested that we register iwasalutheran.com. Luke said we couldn't afford the bandwidth for such a high traffic site. lol.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

12:00 AM

Sometimes...

A thought so simple reaches your mind and clears everything up for you.

You know you'll be ok.

You know what you're doing is the correct action.

It's nice to be free.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 4 Jun 2003

7:15 AM

No use worrying about 10% of life

A team lead at work sent out a little story about the 90/10 of life. The idea is that we can't control 10% of life, the other 90% is our reaction.

This morning I was a little disappointed about my job search. Then after reading that little e-mail, I cheered up. I realized that there's a reason I didn't get this job or that job. I just have to be patient and stay focused.

During the last few days, I have done some work to remove negative energy out of my environment. I feel much better and truly focused on the current issues.

I'm happy to hear that Ben has a job interview on Friday. Regardless of other sentiments I could express, I truly wish him the best.

I updated my website yesterday. Today I have to take Henry to the vet for a check-up and a vaccine. I've looked at some job opportunities and have been re-thinking my job plan.

Tonight I need to do something fun.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Happy
Music:

9:36 AM

Stupid headhunters

Ok, I don't know how many of you have dealt with head hunters. Some recruiters are wonderful, others are complete morons. Take this recent dialogue I had with one:

Recruiter: "Hello this is <name removed to protect the stupid> from <company name>. I don't know what position you applied for but I thought we could discuss possibilities."

::first thought, you don't know what job I applied to?::

This guy did not read my resume. He proceeded to ask me if I went to college, had a job, what I did, where I worked. Now I sent my resume to this recruiting firm so it wasn't some weird guy calling. He knew I applied to something in IT. Very bright guy. Yeah, he's a star recruiter. lol.

I have to laugh about this guy.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 5 Jun 2003

2:34 AM

Life just had to prove me wrong

After dealing with that stupid head hunter and being rather disappointed that a now former co-worker was offered a position that I applied to (long story). the same company that just hired my co-worker called and told me two new positions opened up. Basically they want to interview me for a temp to hire position on another helpdesk. The pay is comparable, it's contract for a 4 - 6 months then the job turns into direct hire.

The recruiter told me that I should hear this morning when they want to interview me. She already told me to not be surprised if they want to interview after work today. They need someone to start next week so I will find out fairly quickly. I prefer this, I don't like waiting around, wondering for a few weeks.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Happy
Music:

9:08 AM

Bursting with energy

My interview is at 3 p.m.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Happy
Music:

Fri, 6 Jun 2003

4:27 AM

We can fire you at a moment's notice, but give us 2 weeks if you quit
Try to follow this logic here.

1. We know that our unit is going away. We will all be laid off if we stay. However since we are contractors, we will

not be given any advance notice of when we will be laid off.

2. Yet, if we find other employment we are supposed to give Pfizer two weeks notice.

The job I interviewed for yesterday needs two people there the middle of next week. Before the interview, I discussed this with my supervisor. I explained that if I am offered the job, I would be unable to give 2 weeks notice. My supervisor was very understanding and told me, I'd have to do what I needed to. She went further and said that she appreciated the fact I told her there was even a possibility I would have to leave soon.

This morning, Jerry tries to tell us that there are situations we have to give under 2 weeks notice, but we should try to avoid doing this.

That's great and all, but would I get two weeks notice from Jerry?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Confused
Music:

Sat, 7 Jun 2003

11:22 AM

Let's see if this code is working

Just testing the new code.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Bewildered
Music:

Tue, 10 Jun 2003

4:53 AM

How sincere

I *love* sincere behavior. Ok, basically a current co-worker and I interviewed for two positions at the same helpdesk. I have tried to be professional about the whole thing.

Ok, we both agree the interviewers had an unique style. I felt I did the best I could and if I'm not what they're looking for whatever. That's the conclusion I arrived at over the weekend. My co-worker (I'll call him Urtkay) really wants this job. I can understand why completely. On the same hand, I don't think he should beat himself up over it either.

I've taken the opinion as of late that if I put effort into a job application (the entire process) and don't get the position, that's ok. At least I tried.

Yes, getting the job would solve a problem. I won't pretend otherwise, but honestly I still haven't gotten a feeling off that interview. I didn't wake up the next day with a strong feeling that it went well or went poorly. Overall it feels like "it just went."

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Bittersweet
Music:

Thu, 12 Jun 2003

5:21 AM

Lovely Wednesday

Yesterday overall sucked. I really can't avoid that fact. Today I feel much better. Sometimes getting all of that negative energy out of my spirit makes everything better.

This morning I found out the people I interviewed with pushed their decision back. They originally said Wednesday, now it's the "end of the week." I really hate how much people can mess with you now when you apply for a job.

My dad stayed overnight at the hospital. My mom called and told Luke that my dad passed out last night. I guess he had some flu like symptoms yesterday. The doctors said he was dehydrated and his blood pressure was too low (there's a first for everything). My mom said he'll be ok but the doctors wanted him to stay overnight for observation.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Dark
Music:

Thu, 19 Jun 2003

8:08 AM

my cats are strange beings

Henry just ate a small piece of wrapping paper. What a strange cat.

I need to clean the bedroom today and tomorrow. Long story. It's not going to be fun.

Luke added some features to justjournal. The sessions are working now.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Happy
Music:

Fri, 20 Jun 2003

7:39 PM

Sweet music of obvious

It's kind of funny. Often i find myself placed in the opposite role of an earlier situation. One just ended a few minutes ago. I really am not going to go into it. But maybe the whole thing will help me. A few weeks ago I realized why I have difficulty in my interpersonal relationships. I have such fucking lofty goals for friends. Seriously I do. People aren't like that. In the process, I tend to attract people more fucked up than me as friends.

I know this former friend (4 weeks or more for me, probably 20 minutes from his end) had to send me a tell off e-mail. That's fine. It's therapy. I don't feel much in response. I don't even feel like replying.

At least everything is clear.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Happy
Music:

Sun, 22 Jun 2003

1:28 PM

Tired....

Help! Will explain more later. Stuck at work. Need entertainment.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Bored
Music:

Wed, 25 Jun 2003

4:33 PM

Inside the absence of fear...

Pfizer finally told when the helpdesk is closing. It's a relief actually. I'm happy to know what's happening.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Blissful
Music:

Thu, 26 Jun 2003

11:35 AM

I really miss the cats

I should really add "back has decided to cause horrible pain" as a mood. I have access to the database, I could add it.

I really want to be home right now. I just want to curl up with the cats and relax.

Last night I fell asleep at 8 p.m. My stomach was bad last night and I wanted to just lay down for a minute, and the next thing I know my alarm is going off at 4 a.m. It was nice to have 8 full hours of sleep last night though. However Luke needed to give the cats dinner. That part sucked.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Sat, 5 Jul 2003

8:50 AM

Tired, sleepy, a lovely weekend overall

My mind wandered to a ex-webmaster who used to talk to Luke. I'll just call him T. T is a crazy, psycho cult member now (it's one of those little "Christian" groups who think other Christians groups don't count as Christian).

Luke just asked me to write a servlet, he always asks when I'm writing a journal entry or playing a game.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Bittersweet
Music:

Tue, 8 Jul 2003

8:20 AM

Polls at work...

Lastest poll at work, should the school year be shortened and school days become longer?

My response no. The American school system needs a radical overhaul in regards to scheduling. We don't need year round school or longer days, though either could be a consequence of my suggestion. I think students should have flexible schedules. All school schedules should be more like college schedules, except the students would be taking more subjects. Even if the number of subjects didn't change (6 or 7 depending on the school you went to), create longer class periods and place classes on different days.

To take this idea further, in high school, the start and end times should vary. Would students skip? Yes, but let's take the college approach again. If in high school, you decide to skip and as a result flunk a class, it was your decision. It's your education. Now high school students would have to be there until they either graduated or dropped out. But are things any different now?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Dark
Music:

Fri, 11 Jul 2003

2:31 PM

Adding and Removing Friends Works

You can now add and remove friends.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Happy
Music:

Mon, 14 Jul 2003

8:12 AM

Someone post!

We have friends pages now. I want to see posts!

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Annoyed

Music:

Fri, 18 Jul 2003

5:47 AM

Quiet day at work

Yesterday went well. Luke and I hung out with a co-worker of mine and his wife. It was nice to be out. We went to Fourth Coast cafe. There's a restaurant on the top floor that looks interesting. They serve some veggie dishes. :-)

My parents are coming tomorrow. This means I must clean like there is no tomorrow after work. :-(

Well my boss is out of the office today. ::big grin::

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 21 Jul 2003

5:18 AM

Busy weekend

My parents visited. Saw T3. Did some cleaning as well. I need to do much more cleaning when I get home today.

To do list:

1. Apply for a job.
2. Re-organize pantry.
3. Clean cat litter.
4. Cry myself to sleep. That's optional.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Blissful

Music:

Tue, 22 Jul 2003

7:02 AM

The quiet life...

A little calm wouldn't hurt my feelings.

I did apply for a job yesterday. I called a company in response to a wanted ad in the paper. They wanted me to drop off my resume in person. I spoke with the service manager for a few minutes. I don't think I was what he *expected*. I severely doubt I'll get a call back. LOL.

I have to laugh at idiots like that. He actually asked me if I had touched a computer before. Yes, I think somewhere in the process of being a network administrator, helpdesk tech and getting a BA in computer science, I used a computer (in my mind, I complete the sentence with "asshole").

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Bittersweet
Music:

Fri, 25 Jul 2003

6:24 AM

Just maybe...

I'm in such a down mood today. Nothing else can describe how I feel. I feel like the world is laughing at my existence today.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Bittersweet
Music:

Thu, 31 Jul 2003

4:39 AM

On break

Work sucks. I'm really tired right now. :(

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Alone
Music:

Tue, 5 Aug 2003

8:38 AM

Yes, I use this journal service

They changed the dress code at work. It's a bit looser now. Joy to the world. We're going to fire you all so let's make your last few months tolerable by letting you wear jeans. I'd rather stay employed.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Mad
Music:

Tue, 26 Aug 2003

5:50 AM

So who is updating their journals?

I've been looking at the database tables to see if anyone is posting. Other than Luke and myself, none, zilch, zip... So start posting or else I'll... (::insert personal nightmare::).

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Sad

Music:

10:22 AM

Purple....

My journal is purple now. Also I discovered why someone at work calls their car the "gay little thing." It's a Ford Focus.

I get to buy books today! Learning is afoot.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Amused

Music:

Wed, 27 Aug 2003

6:00 AM

Need a nap

Luke and I bought our books. I had to buy two books, an algorithms book and one titled "Machines & Languages." If the classes weren't required, I wouldn't be taking them.

I need to test Firebird on my Mac this week. I'm thinking about creating a sample database based on my community database design.

Luke's starting to get frustrated by the fact very few people are updating their journals. I can't argue with him entirely.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Tired

Music:

11:10 AM

Must convince self that I am awake

I am awake. No, really I am.

Ok, I haven't been able to sit down for more than 2 seconds lately.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Ashamed
Music:

Fri, 29 Aug 2003

9:58 AM

First class

I made it through my first class. :) Now, I have some work to do. Fun.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Happy
Music:

Sun, 31 Aug 2003

9:06 AM

Three day weekend

I am really enjoying this three day weekend. I finished reading chapter one for my theory of computation course. I need to balance the checkbook, update my laptop and organize my binder for my class. I want to create a section for reading notes, lecture notes and various handouts.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Blissful
Music:

Wed, 3 Sep 2003

7:38 AM

Locked my car keys in my car

Fun. Joy. Luke's supposed to stop by at 11:30 and unlock my car. :)

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Annoyed
Music:

Mon, 8 Sep 2003

8:15 AM

Existence is suffering (at least at work)

Class went well this morning. My professor lectured. Work is going. Yes, that's it going.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Smart
Music:

Wed, 10 Sep 2003

12:45 AM

Calling all angels...

I'll only be at work for a few more minutes. I'm rather tired. I think I have an exam on Monday in CS 580. Of course, my professor hasn't said a word about the exam.

Today this same professor actually told us to be brief when describing complex, math proofs. We're all supposed to just "know" the basics. When I end up doing one of these recitations, I will expect to be brief but be prepared to answer questions.

I figured out what the problem I am looking at for my algorithms class is. Dr. Nelson is having us prove the master method for finding order.

My iPod is supposed to ship today. :-)

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Dark

Music:

Fri, 12 Sep 2003

8:05 AM

Written problem sets suck

I really hate writing problem sets. I'm working on a particularly fun one for my algorithms course. My break is in a few minutes.

I decided I really don't like how my theory of computation professor handles "bad" recitations in class. I think he comes off as a little harsh. I mean Dr. Fink was better about handling "wrong" answers or confusing proofs done by students. I shouldn't try to judge this guy so soon. Maybe it's the fact I'm having the class in the morning.

On a happier note, my iPod should arrive shortly. It was sent by Airborne yesterday. They're estimating it will arrive today. Airborne is usually right. :-)

This site is coming along.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bored

Music:

Sun, 14 Sep 2003

4:16 PM

Many roads I have travelled...

This weekend has been a bit slow. Tomorrow will be crazy in comparison. I guess that's ok, at least my Monday will fly by.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Tired
Music: Deserve It - Music - Madonna

Mon, 15 Sep 2003

7:09 AM

Insert your own subject

My class this morning was a bit morning, however it became clear that I needed to order a copy of Maple 9. I will need to spend quite a bit of time on the programming project and I don't have time to go to campus computer labs. Anyway I much rather work on my own computer.

I need to get in contact with my Sears boss. I'll try calling her again on my break. If I don't reach her, I will have to go to the HR office and leave her note. The whole situation there is starting to piss me off.

Note to self: talk to Luke about anonymous comments.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Alone
Music:

8:21 AM

Ok, this is a stupid warning

I bought some Snapple Element drinks for my morning classes. There's a picture warning you not to lick the bottle. Why? Who has looked at a snapple bottle and thought "wouldn't that be great to lick"?

Wait I answered my own question. A three letter name popped into my head. Actually multiple three letter names.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Amused
Music:

Tue, 16 Sep 2003

5:00 AM

Digital logic, school work, and various other distractions

I finally got hold of my boss at Sears. She gave me the wrong number. ::growls::

I need to call Airborne and rip them a new one during my break.

I'm trying to get my school work done before I get out of work so that I can look at Luke's digital logic book. I have a feeling that I might be learning some digital logic in the process.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Annoyed
Music:

5:42 AM

Airborne Express is Evil

I just spoke with Airborne Express. They informed me that the package has not be picked up. I asked them why their website said the package had been picked by Airborne on the 11th and Apple was reporting they sent the package on the 11th. Then the representative said "well call back in a hour, because we don't have all of the scans from Kalamazoo yet." Ok, so you do have my iPod, but you're slow as shit. Thanks for the clarification.

I will call Apple on my lunch and report that 1) Airborne claims they haven't received the package yet and 2) this ain't 2 day service.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Angry
Music:

1:38 PM

Hey, hey you're getting a pay cut

Two happy surprises for the day!

1) We might go 24x7 for a few days. Pray that the hurricane doesn't go as north as New Jersey.

2) We're being forced to take a pay cut. Does the phrase "blow me" mean anything these days?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Mad
Music:

1:55 PM

You've got the "click of death"

If you have never come across the "click of death" you have never worked tech support. The click of death is when a harddrive starts making a horrible, constant clicking sound and a BSOD, crash, unhappy mac follows...

You have been warned.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Amused
Music:

Wed, 17 Sep 2003

6:30 AM

Enjoy the chaos

Ok, a run down of my week.

1. Class tonight.
2. Need to complete problem set for algorithms class.
3. Need to study for exam in theory of computation.
4. Complete Maple Tutorial, make proposal. (in the process, must use force to get a password out of the sys admin at western)

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bewildered

Music:

Thu, 18 Sep 2003

4:58 AM

Ahh, the chaos of life

Life is chaos. I'll be starting a new job on Tuesday. My last day at Pfizer is tomorrow. :-)

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bittersweet

Music:

6:16 AM

Everything you know goes away in the end

Everything you know goes away in the end.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bittersweet

Music:

Fri, 19 Sep 2003

12:00 AM

Only 1 hour left on Pfizer Time

Oh yippee, then I have 1 hour "me" time. I need to drop off the insurance payment, pick up some quick dinner and go to Sears. I will work for 4 hours. Mostly on the computer I suspect. I just want to get through the stupid training program.

All of my things are ready for the white box, I just need a "white box" now. I want to add glitter to my white box.

I have my iPod now. Life is good.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Blissful
Music:

Mon, 22 Sep 2003

10:40 AM

First day of complete freedom

Ok, *not* complete freedom, but I'm Pfizer free.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Amused
Music:

Tue, 23 Sep 2003

12:19 AM

Can't sleep

I've slept about 5 hours so far. I suspect I'm having trouble sleeping due to the fact I'm starting a new job (which always makes a little nervous) and I think I'm coming down with a cold. Well, I can't let a cold slow me down either way.

I did balance the checkbook and fill out my in school deference form. I need to get WMU to complete the "authorized official" section and can send the form in.

Sears put my first paycheck in my account. I'm a few dollars richer. LOL. I have some birthday money to deposit still. Most of the money I'll sit on, but I'm thinking about buying a book. Books are cheap entertainment for me. :-)

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Tired
Music:

Thu, 25 Sep 2003

6:15 PM

Survey

about 15 years ago, I:

1. attended St. Paul Lutheran School.
2. was a good little church going girl.
3. started to program in Basic.
4. made honor roll for the first time.
5. thought I could still sing.

about 10 years ago, I:

1. was in 8th grade.
2. went on my first long distance trip without my parents.
3. hid my feelings about girls.
4. doubted my faith.
5. questioned the world.

about 7 years ago, I:

1. lived in Germany.
2. spoke German more often than English.
3. hated my host sister.
4. hated myself.
5. wanted to die.

about 4 years ago, I:

1. was about to get married.
2. lived in a dorm.
3. thought life was full of opportunity.
4. worked for \$5.15 a hour and loved it.
5. got cold feet.

about 2 years ago, I:

1. was a senior at K college.
2. wrote my SIP.
3. looked for a job.
4. adopted Henry (the grey tiger).
5. saw Luke in pain and couldn't do anything about it.

about 6 months ago, I:

1. worked for Pharmacia/Pfizer.
2. looked forward to the fall semester.
3. didn't know that Pfizer would get rid of the helpdesk.
4. was still speaking to Ben.
5. looked forward to Luke's graduation.

 today, I:

1. walked around campus.
2. imaged a Mac OS X client.
3. found out that I need to setup a Mac OS X file server.
4. got upset at the CS department's sysadmin.
5. am trying to find courage to go to class tomorrow despite the fact I can't access the assignment due tomorrow morning because the sysadmin is a moron.

Tomorrow, I:

1. hopefully go to class.
2. work.
3. sleep.

4. feel better.
5. rinse and repeat.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Tired
Music:

Thu, 2 Oct 2003
9:44 AM

Really want to go home

I am so tired... I need to buy a battery for Luke's car after work still.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Nerdy
Music:

Thu, 9 Oct 2003
1:08 PM

sleepy time...

I just want to curl up and take a nap. Seriously, I really do.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Numb
Music:

Fri, 10 Oct 2003
7:33 AM

Why can't I breathe whenever I think about you...

Having fun. Yeah right. I need to turn in my timecard today. Still watching files copy.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Bored
Music:

8:08 AM

Meat Eaters are retarded

Ok, I don't think meat eaters are retarded, just the ones who write anti-veggie websites. Seriously, if you listen to those 'tards, we're supposed to eat mercury filled fish, beef and avoid veggies (veggies are bad, according to them very little nutritional value).

If you want to eat meat, fine with me. But don't be like all those "PETA" psychos (at least you claim they are) about meat eating. If you think militant vegans should stupid, look in a mirror when you're preaching the wonders of meat.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Pissed off
Music:

Thu, 30 Oct 2003

12:36 AM

No comments...-

<p></p>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Shocked
Music:

Thu, 6 Nov 2003

7:35 AM

Exhausted, exhausted and exhausted

I'm really tired. You'd think I never sleep. I don't think it's helping that I'm reading files on image computers (very, very dry reading).

I have to prepare a "camera-ready" handout for recitation next Monday. Joy.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Numb
Music:

Fri, 12 Dec 2003

10:35 AM

HP-UX????

Which OS are You?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Okay
Music:

10:35 AM

What a... Farmer Jackass?

Seriously, the site was semi-funny. I laughed at Nigma, not with him though. His mom must be proud!

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Rejuvenated
Music:

Sun, 28 Dec 2003

3:01 PM

So who needs sleep anyway

Sleep is for weaklings. Yep, you guessed it - I didn't sleep last night. Not a wink, strange thing is that I am fairly awake at the moment.

Work sucked today. First, I was scheduled for 7 am. The manager who was supposed to open forgot and we were waiting for a hour outside. We got hold of a manager at 7:30 and she lived 30 minutes away.

Once in the store, we verified that two of my co-workers called in sick. So we were an hour behind and two people short - just how I want to start my day.

Half of the signs were invalid due to the stupid sign software. I had to reprint half of my signs.

I ended up working 30 minutes over. That sucked.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Rushed
Music:

Mon, 29 Dec 2003

3:28 PM

A sign that you're having a bad day

I started to compose an e-mail at noon. I wondered why I hadn't received a reply yet at 3 pm. Simple answer, I forgot to send the e-mail.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Mellow
Music:

Wed, 31 Dec 2003

4:36 PM

LJ "Friends" Ad

I just viewed the LJ friends ad. If any of my LJ friends ended up at my door because I wrong a "sad" entry - I'd get a restraining order. Maybe that's why I choose LJ friends who can't just show up at my door. Well, first you'd have to know where I live before you could do something that crazy.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Happy
Music: "In Your Eyes"

Thu, 1 Jan 2004

4:19 PM

damn flu

I have the flu. I haven't had the flu in years. I have all the lovely symptoms, chills, a fever, watery eyes, body aches, etc...

Stupid flu.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Pissed off
Music:

Fri, 2 Jan 2004

3:30 PM

Norway needs a dentist

If you don't know what I mean, look at a picture of the "World Idol" smiling. Seriously, let's send Norway a dentist.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Drained
Music:

Tue, 8 Mar 2005

11:39 AM

(no subject)

Wow I remembered my password. I'm quite proud of myself.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Fri, 25 Mar 2005

9:52 AM

(no subject)

I had a test this morning. It was fun. Ok, I'm lying - it wasn't.

Security: Public

Location: Work
Mood: Lethargic
Music:

1:34 PM

(no subject)

Umm... just a general question - why don't McDonald's employees know the general definition of meat?

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 31 Mar 2005

2:10 PM

(no subject)

Waiting for my next class to start, how fun. I have to back to main campus after class and sit through a presentation until 8 pm (hopefully shorter). I don't like being gone most of today. Other than that, it's been a productive day.

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 12 Apr 2005

2:59 PM

Never do a presentation hungry

Bad things happen... like VI!

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Numb
Music:

Fri, 15 Apr 2005

12:39 AM

It's so boring...

I'm bored.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 21 Apr 2005

12:34 AM

Questions a 25 year old shouldn't ask...

Tilak didn't know how children are born, ie. where they come out. Very scary discussion topic.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 25 Apr 2005

8:03 AM

Big Endian, Little Endian - No Indian

Sorry, that was a really bad computer pun. We're officially Tilak-free. Now some other poor, unsuspecting people must deal with him. :)

Well actually I need to send him his paperwork when it arrives at the office, but whatever. If I forget, he could go back to India (that's not a very nice thought and would not generate positive karma).

Luke's at home and I miss him quite a bit. I hope he feels well enough to come into work.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Rushed

Music:

Wed, 11 May 2005

6:15 AM

Crazy few days...

The last few days have been crazy. I don't feel like going into the whole thing quite yet. I should post something later.

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Numb

Music:

Mon, 6 Jun 2005

12:08 AM

Looks like I have run Unix on a PC in the future

Apple has pissed me off. I mean really pissed me off. I will not accept a fucking x86 Mac! I will run FreeBSD on a fucking PC instead.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Tue, 21 Jun 2005

12:47 AM

I feel so exhausted...

I'm at work and feeling quite old. The sad thing is that I know I have a ton of shit to do after my official work day ends. This sucks.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 23 Jun 2005

10:38 AM

Summer of Code

I'm just waiting for my rejection letter from Google. I haven't been contacted by KDE so I'm pretty sure I'm getting an automated rejection letter tomorrow. Actually I wish they'd send the damn things out already.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Fri, 12 Aug 2005

8:06 AM

Like the new look, waiting on a Dell tech

I'm waiting on a Dell tech (my favorite thing to do in the whole wide world). If a co-worker doesn't arrive in time, I will be stuck dealing with a really bitchy department instead of getting Mac work done.

The Dell tech told me the earliest he'll be here is 11:45 so I'm guessing I sit around and catch up on helpdesk email, etc... After the tech leaves, I grab some lunch. It will be nice. :)

Still waiting to hear from the Dean's office. Just wish he'd send out a yes or no on the job. I'm sick of waiting. I don't care what the answer is. I just want one.

Also, it looks like my mom will be going to Canada next week. :) Very nice for me. She doesn't call as often.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Lonely

Music:

Tue, 16 Aug 2005

10:04 AM

So... life sucks, what's new

I didn't get the job. Well I'm not 100% certain since I have not received a rejection letter, but I'm 99.9% certain due to the fact I haven't heard shit.

I "interviewed" for a "scholarship" from the department of music to re-design one of their sites. Ha. Let's just say I'm not redesigning and updating a site for only \$500 a semester. Frankly, I'm insulted and I feel I wasted my time. The music department was vague in their description and were not upfront about the pay. There's way too much work associated with a website for only \$500 a semester.

Looks like I'll be working at DOSA this year. At least there will be more Mac stuff to do.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Pissed off
Music:

11:57 AM

Here's something funny

"Dear applicants,

The webmaster position for the choral studies website has been filled. Thank you very much for applying. We will keep your resumes on file. Best wishes to you in the fall semester.

Sincerely,
JLR"

Can I reply "please don't keep my resume"?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Nerdy
Music:

Wed, 17 Aug 2005

9:24 AM

(no subject)

I'm waiting for Luke to arrive so we can have lunch. Today is slightly better than yesterday. I don't know how much that actually says.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Hungry
Music:

Fri, 19 Aug 2005

11:47 AM

Wednesday really was a good day for me

I got the GA position. This means I won't have to borrow as much to complete my master's degree. :)

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Sun, 21 Aug 2005

7:56 PM

Intelligent Design?

Senator Frist has stated his support for teaching intelligent design in public schools. Supporters of intelligent design will tell you it's a scientific alternative to evolution. The basic theory is this... nature is too organized and complicated to have been created randomly. The basic argument is that some intelligent being had to design nature.

Problem is how do you proof there is a god or goddess?

The "intelligent being" must be a being with greater power than us, i.e. God.

Strange this scientific theory sounds like what I learned in sunday school about the world being created in seven days. My bad, six days and God rested on the seventh.

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Pissed off

Music:

Mon, 26 Sep 2005

8:23 AM

Hello!

So far it's been a quiet morning. Well other than one little annoying thing...

There's a CS 1110 (first programming class in the computer science program) lab at 8 am. The TA brought a student over that is having login problems. You see he never logged into the Linux machines before since this is the first lab he attended in the semester.

He'll go far...

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 5 Oct 2005

8:37 AM

Please keep the yard apes at home...

Yesterday was almost pleasant. I did have to take a pop quiz yesterday, not fun but hopefully I will receive a few points. :)

I decided to purchase some tea for the upcoming bridal shower and an outfit for the party. Not a really tall order to fill, but somehow took several hours to complete. Eventually I gave up on finding an outfit (later I did though with Luke's help). My new outfit is a dark red skirt (with brown in the pattern as well) with a beige v-neck sweater.

Luke and I also had dinner at the mall. The group a few tables away was ummm... interesting. I could deal with the child who was throwing silverware and even broke a plate. The mother should have realized it was a sign the child is not old enough to behave in a restaurant. Not really the baby's fault (yes I wrote baby), at most the baby was a few months old.

The 12 year old yard ape ... he annoyed the hell out of me. Apparently after 30 minutes, he "got bored and wanted to do something." He informed his mother (I assume) that he was bored. She ignored him. He stood up, walked out of the restaurant and flicked his mom off. After this, the woman was trying to reason with him, "no you really shouldn't be walking around the mall by yourself. could you please come back in the restaurant?"

She should have taken his gameboy away or something.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 13 Oct 2005

10:03 AM

My class was cancelled this morning

I just felt like writing that as the subject. It's actually a good thing since I haven't had any opportunity to go over last lecture's notes (prof likes pop quizzes).

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 17 Oct 2005

1:45 PM

test

test

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

1:45 PM

test

test

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

1:45 PM

test

test

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 19 Oct 2005

10:56 AM

How to make a *nix sysadmin laugh

I had a CS student ask me how to extract rar files in Linux. Yes, he thinks rar files are superior to any other archive file format. Now there is a package to decompress rar files, but why?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Amused
Music:

Wed, 26 Oct 2005

8:51 AM

High School is Banning Blogging for all Students

A Catholic high school in Sparta, NJ is banning blogging for all students. Here's my two cents...

First, if the school does not want students to blog on school computers, block the sites on their firewall. The school has every right to block a website on their computers.

However, telling students what to do on their home computers is wrong. Students will be expelled if they don't take their blogs down.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified

Music:

10:16 AM

Let's see if anyone catches this...

For former and current employees of the Division of Student Affairs at WMU...

Can't get my email

Have a virus

And spyware

Don't have tech support

I need my email

Seriously I really need some help

And I need to print

No one is printing

Anyone help me, please

Somone help me

Student techs are overworked.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Fri, 28 Oct 2005

9:23 AM

Batmantis!

The title has nothing to do with the entry. Just checking if Evan can read.

Ok, why would you insult someone on an online forum (which is text based) by claiming he or she couldn't read? It's like listening someone give a speech and calling him mute!

To quote a TV character, "What a dumbass!"

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

10:39 AM

Charging for Pirated Music?

Charging for pirated music is wrong. If someone steals a copyrighted work, and turns around and charges someone else for the work it's wrong.

I pay for music, I assume it's legally mine. If I purchased something and found out it wasn't mine, I'd be pissed. I'd nail the fucker to the wall, I'd send law enforcement after his or her ass.

Charging people for stolen MP3's is no different than charging people for any stolen good. If the person knows the work is stolen, I feel that act is a crime itself. For example, if I buy a TV off the back of a truck, I know it is most likely stolen. I know I am buying stolen goods. I know that I am committing a crime.

Now is music, art, books, etc... really property? Yes, it is. Most nations have copyright laws to protect intellectual property for a reason.

Movies, music, etc... are licensed to individuals through the sale of media. I do feel that I am purchasing a license to the content. I don't feel that labels and movie studios should prevent me from enjoying the content I paid through. I don't agree with copyright mechanisms that prevent some operating systems from playing a disc or keep other DVD players from viewing a disc, etc... Such behavior gives whiny 13 year olds yet another excuse to pirate the material.

Now I won't say I haven't pirated music before. I did and I stopped because digital music services appeared and give me little reason to bother. I never burned my entire MP3 collection (which would have been several discs) and sold copies to people on the street for five dollars.

If we want to stop the RIAA from getting a cut on blank CD's and cassette, don't pull stupid shit like create a pay music service for pirated music.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

7:53 PM

Minor security update

I did a slight security update to the server. Damn, that upgrade felt good. Wow, someone once said he didn't have a problem with me having root.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Sat, 29 Oct 2005

12:04 AM

Testing Windows Client

Testing the Windows client for Luke. Favorite *nix script of the day, rmuser.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Sun, 30 Oct 2005

3:28 PM

Grand Rapids Makes the National News

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/LAW/10/28/screaming.scammer.ap/index.html>

Here's the text of the article:

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan (AP) -- The ringleader of a scheme that bilked investors out of millions of dollars was sentenced to 25 years in prison Friday, but not before the screaming defendant was removed from the courtroom.

Janet Mavis Marcusse was convicted of defrauding 577 people of \$12.7 million and laundering the money through bank accounts opened under the names of nonexistent churches. Marcusse presented her scheme as a way for investors to capitalize on the tax-free status of churches.

Marcusse, 49, spoke for more than an hour at the hearing, accusing the government of setting her up. She walked away from the lectern as U.S. District Judge Robert Holmes Bell began issuing her sentence, prompting the judge to order U.S. marshals to bring her back, prosecutor Mike Schipper said.

Marcusse yelled repeatedly at the judge while she was restrained, saying "I don't recognize you" before she was removed from the courtroom, Schipper said. Bell sentenced her and ordered the court reporter to give the defendant a copy of the transcript, the prosecutor said.

"It's unfortunate that she was unable to maintain the decorum of the court and show the respect to Judge Bell that Judge Bell showed her by allowing her to speak for over an hour," said David L. Kaczor, a federal public defender assigned to help Marcusse prepare her defense. She had refused to be represented by a lawyer.

Prosecutors said Marcusse led a ring that preyed on investors including many retirees who lost their life savings. There were victims throughout the United States, but most were from western Michigan.

Paul Stinger, 63, of Spring Lake, lost about \$150,000 in the scam. He had retired from his production job at Steelcase Inc., a Grand Rapids-based maker of office furniture where about a quarter of the victims worked, but he now has a construction job to make ends meet.

"I lost everything," he said. "I have no retirement."

Marcusse was convicted in June of 61 counts, including conspiracy, mail fraud and money laundering. Seven others convicted in the case were sentenced this month to prison terms ranging from five to 20 years.

Marcusse was living in Grand Rapids when the investigation started but fled with her investment records to the Branson, Missouri, area in 2002. She remained a fugitive until 2004, when authorities tracked her to a cabin in a wooded area of rural Missouri, prosecutors said.

Marcusse accused the government of tampering with witnesses and other prosecutorial misconduct. Schipper called the allegations "absolutely baseless."

- 1) Screaming at judge will not help your case.
- 2) Have a lawyer.
- 3) She defrauded people. A lot of Steelcase workers in the area were be laid off and she took advantage of them.
- 4) I hope her prison girlfriend is nice to her.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 31 Oct 2005

4:59 PM

(no subject)

Douche. That sums up my response. What a big, spring rain douche.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Mischievous
Music:

Tue, 1 Nov 2005

10:43 AM

Yes, we will break software for you

A student complained that a piece of software called Aspen is not installed in the main lab. One class (which has at most 30 students) uses this software. This software breaks another piece of software called AutoCAD which is used by ever engineer and their mothers. We installed Aspen in a side lab, and therefore broke AutoCAD for only one lab.

The student stated I was "screwing her over for a couple hundred of engineering students." Yep, I am screwing you over for a couple hundred engineering students.

I must quote a Vulcan proverb, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Indifferent
Music:

2:06 PM

LOL

I shouldn't laugh but I am laughing. Luke is always in a horrible mood on Halloween. Now for future reference, he's in a good moon on his birthday (which happens to be in May). Someone asked him if his hatred of Halloween is because it was his birthday.

LOL. Shit, I wish Evan had said that to him in person. No really, I do wish that.

Why? 'Cause Luke would have kicked him in the balls. For some reason, I think Evan is one of those guys who cries and moans after a good ball kicking.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Amused
Music:

Thu, 3 Nov 2005

8:39 AM

JJ Java Client and I bought a mug

First, I purchased a large JJ coffee mug for work. I think I am officially the first person to buy a product with the JJ logo. I thought it would make a nice work mug, plus I may get Luke a few users out of it.

Second, I hope to release the alpha of the Java JJ client soon. I want to work out a few minor GUI problems (mostly add a keystroke event) and get updating working. I am going to release the client under some open source license. I haven't decided which one to use yet.

Luke's a bit tired today. I drove him to class and he was calling everyone a "douche."

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Nerdy
Music:

10:27 AM

No, you can't....

No, you can't install software. No, I won't install some random piece of software on our machines.

I don't care if it is for your senior project. I don't care if your professor requires it.

Don't be an asshole because I won't allow you to install some random piece of software on a general purpose lab computer in the open lab.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Pissed off
Music:

Fri, 4 Nov 2005

10:09 AM

Ok, you are missing the point here

Before you try to view that awful photo, I must explain a few things. First, the couple in question is attempting to dress up as an undead warlock and succubus. A succubus is a demoness who seduces mortals. Therefore a succubus is supposed to be sexy. The costume is very close to the look in the game, but this succubus isn't sexy. Matter of fact this succubus makes me ill. If you have a beer gut and love handles bigger than your breasts, don't wear see through

fabric.

<http://www.blizzcon.com/imageviewer.shtml?http://www.blizzcon.com/photos.shtml,/images/screenshots/,303,317,http://www.blizzcon.com/photos.shtml>

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Groggy

Music:

11:57 AM

Don't bitch to me

If I deal with one more "administrative" BS issue, I will fucking scream.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Sun, 6 Nov 2005

12:40 AM

Why the XBox 360 is like the Dreamcast

<http://www.1up.com/do/feature?cId=3145154&did=1>

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 7 Nov 2005

2:31 PM

New Fridge

Our fridge died. We have a newer used fridge until our brand new low end fridge arrives.

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Okay

Music:

6:06 PM

JJ Coffee Mug Arrived

I received my JJ coffee mug, and it looks very nice. The logo looks really good on it.

I highly recommend others considering purchasing some JJ products.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Happy
Music:

Tue, 8 Nov 2005

9:52 AM

Headache, headache go away

I wish my headache stopped.

I need to vote after my class today.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Numb
Music:

10:34 AM

Testing Journal

Testing Java client

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music: Lab sounds

10:43 AM

Java Client Works!

The java client is working.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music: Computer lab

10:43 AM

Java Client Works!

The java client is working.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music: Computer lab

10:44 AM

Java client works

Alpha should be released soon.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

11:52 AM

Testing first alpha release

I am testing the alpha before I upload the alpha to a public server.

Appears to be a bug with word wrapping.

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Not Specified
Music: Lecture

2:11 PM

Testing word wrap

I am testing the word wrap in the Java JustJournal client.

I'm talking to Luke on the phone right now. :)

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

2:14 PM

Testing GUI

Testing GUI

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

2:19 PM

test

test

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music: test

2:20 PM

test

test

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music: test

2:21 PM

test

test

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music: test

4:17 PM

Showing Luke the client

I'm showing Luke the java client.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music: Nothing

Wed, 9 Nov 2005

2:03 PM

Testing Scroll Pane

I'm testing the scroll pane in the Java client.

Work really sucked today.

A lot of people spent the whole day bitching at me. Software was broken, and I had to deal with both of my bosses.

I still don't know why I need 2 bosses.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music: TV

6:01 PM

test

test

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music: test

Thu, 10 Nov 2005

7:55 AM

Stop hiding behind your roommate

One of my employees is another GA's roommate. This creates some problems at times.

For example, yesterday I found one of the doors open and a computer running a simulation overnight that shouldn't be. The computer simulation was a very minor problem, and I nicely reminded the person in email to assign overnight simulations to the designated row. The door being open was a much bigger problem, it's a security risk.

I emailed the individual over both issues. I asked him if this stuff did or did not happen.

His response was ask my roommate the GA since he was with me at closing.

He didn't say a yes or no. I know this means he's guilty as sin, and is hoping his roommate can cover his ass.

Funny thing is that yesterday I spoke with our supervisor about the fact this individual is sometimes abusing his relationship with the other GA. I said I don't have any major infractions to pin on the guy, but he does use the GA's influence to get away with little shit.

Now my next problem is his email response. First, the guy was not direct with me. Second if any punishment will occur it will happen to his roommate not him.

The GA may have let the computer simulation go, but the door no way in hell. This GA is fucking psycho about (physical) security.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Pissed off
Music:

8:54 AM

Students' rights online (update)

I was talking to my mother last night, and I mentioned that several private schools have been suspending and expelling students over blogs and websites. I noted that these sites were written at home, etc...

My mom told me that my old high school now has a "proper use" policy regarding computers. If a student writes anything offensive about the school or another student, he or she will be suspended or expelled. This policy concerns the students' personal websites and blogs.

I asked my mother how the school could even determine who wrote the comments. She told me that the policy is interrupted, ie. we have no way of proving who wrote what on the Internet.

I also pointed out that a student could impersonate another student to get him or her expelled.

For example, I don't like Carol. I make a blog and pretend to be Carol. Eventually I write something about myself as "Carol" to get her suspended or expelled.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Moody

Music:

Fri, 11 Nov 2005

8:15 AM

testing new class

I'm testing a new class.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

10:14 AM

Testing mood code

I'm testing the mood list I added to the Java client.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bored

Music:

Mon, 14 Nov 2005

8:58 AM

It's quiet in the lab

Well, it's the calm before the storm. We have a line outside the lab door.

I want to get a little more work done with the java client today. However I do need to work on a school project.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bored

Music:

10:58 AM

This is SO funny

<http://www.somethingawful.com/articles.php?a=3346>

Seriously I wish meat eaters could hear themselves when they start their pro-meat rants.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Amused

Music:

Wed, 16 Nov 2005

8:47 AM

WTF

I just read an interesting post. Someone asked if childfree women would consider ever being a surrogate mother.

Now my answer is pretty simple. Due to the fact I would have to go on a blood thinner and visit a specialist several times a month in addition to regular doctor visits, I would not agree to a surrogacy. My logic is that if I was going to put my body through hell, it would be because I wanted a kid. Plus, any friends or family that asked me to do that would be asshole. Most of my family knows my medical history, and therefore would fall into the asshole category for asking.

However the question is interesting. It's a nice "what if."

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Amused

Music:

Fri, 18 Nov 2005

8:40 AM

FEC has ruled ... Bloggers are Journalists

The FEC (U.S. agency) has ruled that bloggers can be journalists. Basically the lack of a blogger's objectivity does not exclude him or her from being a journalist.

The ruling makes sense. Fox News claims they put journalists on the air, therefore a blogger is a journalist too.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

9:02 AM

Money, money, ...

Well either way I will have an assistantship next semester. Most likely my appointment will be renewed for next semester at the CAE center. However I do have a plan B, I was offered an assistantship at the library.

If I'm offered the position at CAE center, I will keep it because I don't want to re-learn a job for one semester.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Jubilant
Music:

Sun, 20 Nov 2005

3:17 PM

Blizzard and the dumbasses

This Onion story reminds me of the Blizzard lawsuit.

<http://www.theonion.com/content/node/28331>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 22 Nov 2005

4:15 PM

April Graduation Date

I received my graduation audit and my graduation date is set for April.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Happy
Music:

Wed, 23 Nov 2005

10:40 AM

Damn, stupid engineers

IME engineering students on the whole are dumber than rocks.

I inform the students their class has been cancelled. Now on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, most undergrads would have their stuff packed and be out of the door before I could finish the sentence.

NOT IME STUDENTS. The dumb shits want to stay. Yes, stay especially considering the roads are getting worse.

Engineers (especially industrial ones) are stupid.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Pissed off
Music:

Wed, 30 Nov 2005

9:33 AM

Not sure to go with bored or tired

I am bored, tired and rather out of it today. I've had a muffin and half a cup of coffee. Nothing is really helping.

I am rather upset this morning that I must miss the funeral on Friday. Even though a funeral and a wedding on equal in importance, I would rather attend the funeral.

John's death hit me harder than I expected. I feel very depressed today. Partially I know I won't be able to attend the funeral. Funerals help me greatly in the mourning process. Basically I will be having a horrible time at wedding when I much rather be sad at home.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bored

Music:

Sat, 3 Dec 2005

12:07 AM

Ahhh... family weddings

I am having a horrible time. This wedding is getting worse and worse. To make matters worse I found out there will be 250 guests. I am not a fan of large weddings.

My aunt Linda brought one of her friends. I expect to see the woman at events for my aunt's family, but not at extended family events. Grrr...

My uncle Fred is here with his wife and granddaughter. Long story, but my uncle is taking care of his granddaughter. The baby is so cute when she screams, throws her food on the floor in restaurants or uses her cup to make this loud annoying noise.

My room is next to the elevator, and the people in the room above me have a small child who likes to scream and stomp. It's great.

Security: Public

Location: Other

Mood: Bored

Music:

Mon, 5 Dec 2005

5:53 PM

Grrr....

As pointed out, I can post whatever I want in my journal as a public entry. Here's the reasons I dislike Evan (I don't like to use the term hate since it's a very strong word). Disclaimer all of this is my opinion, hence why I am using words like "think" and "feel."1. I think Evan has backwards attitudes toward women. Evan seems to like to make

jokes about women's "role" in society. I have been informed by some international students at my Uni, that there is a significant portion of British men who are not progressive and modern in their thinking about women. I have dealt with too much shit in my life to be polite about this type of attitude. I don't tolerate this attitude in other women either. Though in some situations I have learned to sit and smile, but if I don't have to - I won't.2. I feel Evan is cocky. Most of his attitude I attribute to his age. Maybe someday he will learn no one has the world by the balls. The rest of this list is related to his behavior I observe in the ET clan directly. Laffer is aware of some of my opinions about his ET clan, but not all.3. I feel Evan has discouraged members from joining. People could say I have done the same, but again I try not to post on ET clan business. I do hear Laffer's opinion on potential members, but that's about it.4. It seems everytime I glance over and see Laffer playing ET with Evan (especially in a match), Evan is not trying. I sometimes think Evan is just waiting for a better ET clan to recruit him.5. I think Evan cost FG the extra ET server. FG would have lost the match even if Evan had actually played and not fucked around. However there was a very good chance if FG had a good showing, FG might have won a smaller ET server for second place. I feel Evan destroyed this chance and his behavior reflected poorly on himself and all of FG. Just remember I can write I want, and pretend that my comments do not hurt real emotions or have any consequences. I can pretend that I will not offend a real person, instead I am referring to an unfeeling beast. Therefore I will never have to apologize for hurting this "beast", because beasts do not have feelings and cannot be hurt.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Restless
Music:

5:56 PM

One more thing...

I noticed Evan still lists me on his friends page. I am asking nicely for him to remove me. I will remove myself from his list if I must, but I am asking nicely.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 6 Dec 2005

3:10 PM

I'm sorry this funny shit

Someone in Luke's ET clan wants two non-member accounts closed because these two individuals sent some offensive messages to him on MSN.

Shit, if this guy gets his way, I will ask for his account to be closed.

Now I don't think the accounts will be closed solely based on non-website content. The reason is simple, you can't prove that type of shit.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Amused
Music:

Wed, 7 Dec 2005

8:50 AM

Wow... some people need to stop worrying about greeting cards

The Washington Post has a story about some conservative Christian groups are pissed because the recent White House holiday card says "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas."

Look people, despite the fact Christianity is the majority religion in the United States, it does not mean it's the only religion in the United States. I am not Christian, and I do like the fact it's not always assumed I celebrate Christmas.

The Bush White House knows there are other religious groups - the Bush White House!

So this will be a rare statement for me, but the President has the right idea - about greeting cards.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

6:06 PM

What a wonderful day

Here's my day so far:

1. My professor told my project partner and me that we had the best project.
2. Finished my finals.
3. Evan joined another ET clan. (that's the best Yule gift Evan could have given).

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Happy

Music:

Fri, 9 Dec 2005

9:13 AM

This is some scary shit

<http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/12/08/airplane.gunshot/index.html>

I would feel better about the whole thing if there was another witness regarding the bomb threat. Right now it seems to be the air marshall's word against the rest of the passengers.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Curious

Music:

Wed, 14 Dec 2005

11:07 AM

Grades are in

The grades for Fall are in. I knew my master's project would be an incomplete (it will until everything is turned in). But the good news - I got an A in advanced operating systems! It brought my overall GPA up .2!

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 15 Dec 2005

10:34 PM

(no subject)

I only snapped at Luke once today. He has been better than afternoon / evening than in the morning. Luke isn't lying when he says he can be a dick when he's ill.

I hope Luke feels well enough to go to Barnes & Nobles tomorrow.

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Okay

Music:

Wed, 4 Jan 2006

1:27 AM

(no subject)

The video featuring the Windows Vista team made me cry. Do they really have to make Windows crapper?

Unless you're familiar with OS programming algorithms and techniques, the video is pretty boring. If you do happen to be familiar with those concepts, the video makes you cry and sit in the fetal position.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Sun, 8 Jan 2006

9:28 PM

My Life

<http://ars.userfriendly.org/cartoons/?id=20060108>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 9 Jan 2006

8:34 PM

MSN spaces, work, and other assorted messes

I tried to use MSN spaces (for testing purposes) on my Mac. I'm out of luck since I don't use Windows and IE 6.

My work schedule will be different this semester. I will work in the afternoons and focus more on projects. One of my co-workers is willing to deal with the morning shit, and I wish him luck!

No word on the new building director. I just expect they will have the person show up in our office one day.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 10 Jan 2006

1:07 PM

My day so far...

My day has been rather slow, but at some moments didn't seem to stop.

I've had oatmeal, a piece of bread, juice and some coffee so far. I think I may want to consider purchasing lunch soon.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Accepted
Music:

Thu, 12 Jan 2006

11:30 AM

Sitting in class

We're going over the first chapter in the book (introduction to networking). That reminds me I need to email my advisor and set up a meeting time for my project.

I emailed one of my co-workers about the .NET changes needed for the intro programming classes. My opinion about the CS department switching the intro classes to C# is not favorable.

I ran into Luke when I buying a coffee on the way to class. That was nice. :)

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Exhausted

Music:

Sun, 15 Jan 2006

11:00 PM

This is scary shit

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/10867596/>

If Iran has a problem with the location of Israel, then don't try to argue the Holocaust didn't happen. There is so much evidence (scientific, eye witness accounts, historical, etc...) that debating its existence is a waste of time. The Holocaust happened, end of story. It's a horrible event in human history.

Also Iran's argument that Israel should be located in Germany or the United States is silly. I don't really see how the United States played an active role in the Holocaust (though it is true that our government did not do what it could to slow down the slaughter). In addition, the current German government is far removed from the Nazis.

I think the problem is Israel has to be located in the Middle East and it has to be where it is. The Jewish religion views that land as holy and part of their birth right. I think the land of Israel also belongs to all of its residents (Jewish or otherwise). It's a shame that no serious action has been done to share the land and authority.

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 19 Jan 2006

11:42 AM

Access technologies

We're covering access network technologies.

Cable modems uses FDM to divide bandwidth between TV channels and Internet bandwidth.

My headache is getting worse.

Security: Public

Location: School

Mood: Blah

Music:

Tue, 14 Feb 2006

11:25 AM

(no subject)

Luke put the Java version back up.

I'm sitting in class, learning about P2P protocols and networks. It sounds more fun than it is. :)

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Alone
Music:

Thu, 16 Feb 2006

11:10 AM

Sitting in class again...

More P2P discussion...

We're supposed to start socket programming today. ::yawns::

We were assigned the 2nd homework assignment.

Sadly my computer is not done yet. :(

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Amused
Music:

Tue, 21 Feb 2006

11:07 AM

Testing 0.2.2 client

I'm testing the latest and greatest client.

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Ditzy
Music:

Mon, 27 Feb 2006

1:43 PM

(no subject)

I'm wasting time right now. There's so much I could be doing that frankly I am not.

I didn't expect to be so tired today. I think the semester is wearing on me.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 6 Mar 2006

9:57 PM

South Dakota - the crazy state of the union

South Dakota's governor made the news. He signed a bill banning abortion in all cases, except to save the mother. This bill will be tied up in our court system for years. This is a half-baked attempt on the part of the pro-life movement to outlaw abortion. I like to think of it as the pro-life movement trying to help the wire coat hanger industry myself.

Yep, the pro-life movement wants to kill women. Illegal abortion is dangerous and no one knows how many women die from complications due to illegal abortions. However the pro-life movement must not consider the blood of "murderers, sluts and whores" worth a damn. By the way I used their terms for women who have abortions.

Some of these psychos wants to get rid of birth control completely. According to these crazies, birth control is abortion. By not letting oneself to get pregnant (or cause one in the case of men), we are somehow pissing God off.

To the crazy ladies who protest in front of the local planned parenthood:

I am sorry that I do not accept my husband's seed to make babies. I apologize for offending you by not devoting my life to making babies. I apologize for thinking all women deserve the right to make their own reproductive decisions. I am sorry that you are too narrow minded to see past your own life.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 7 Mar 2006

11:13 AM

Exams, homework, etc...

My prof just told us that he's disappointed with our exam results. Great. The best score was 64 / 65 and I know it wasn't me. I just hope my exam doesn't suck.

I heard Luke's class got their midterms back today. No one opened the door for him today. He wasn't feeling well and I felt the whole experience didn't help him.

One of the undergrads in my class asked about grad school. I don't know if he would make it at grad school, even at WMU.

Talked to a recruiter this morning. That did not help my mood. Once I'd like to talk to a recruiter who actually listened to me.

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Aggravated
Music:

Wed, 8 Mar 2006

2:02 PM

So bored...

I already had the required budget meeting today. That was a riot! Ok, it wasn't. In summary, we're fucked.

I think I didn't have lunch yet. I had some cereal this morning and then I had the rest of the breadsticks from last night. If I go home and have lunch, there's no way I can convince myself to come back to work.

Looks like Luke isn't have a fun, pleasant day at work himself. Normally I'd be freaking out but I feel rather relaxed at the moment.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Bored

Music:

Thu, 9 Mar 2006

11:30 AM

Sitting in class

The power went out in the apartment before I left for class. I didn't see Luke when I went to get some coffee before class either. :(

The lecture is on the transport layer. We've covered UDP and we're starting to cover "reliable" protocols (aka building up to TCP).

I had to turn a project checkpoint report. Basically write a brief report on what I have done, and what needs to be done.

So far today in terms of my master's project, I finished up the last few steps (packaging, commenting) on HttpPostRequest java package. So my appendix already has 7 or 8 pages. LOL.

I should post some of my Java code. It's quite clean and usually runs. I definitely should post my TCP email code (I did for a recent assignment), it was trivial. However for new Java programmers, it might be useful.

Security: Public

Location: School

Mood: Calm

Music:

Fri, 10 Mar 2006

2:33 PM

Someone please explain this...

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/11761643/>

Seriously blind students have to pass driver's ed?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Curious
Music:

Mon, 13 Mar 2006

2:31 PM

Literally it's hot in here

The lab is close to 80 degrees in the office. The open lab is probably at least 5 degrees warmer.

I am seriously hoping that FG and / or FalconStudios decides to pony up some money to cover the server costs. If they don't help us out soon, they both may be without a server in a few months. If I get a job close to my graduation, the server costs won't be a huge deal right away. However starting in November I will need to start repayment (again) on my student loans. I'm estimating my loan payments (both undergrad and grad loans) will be more than my car payment and auto insurance combined. Hopefully it won't be equal or more than my rent. :) I prefer rent to be the largest check I write every month.

I want to fix a preferences bug in the Java JJ client before I release the next alpha. I suspect the problem lies with file permissions (all the preferences are written to a flat file).

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Hot
Music:

3:51 PM

JavaJJ bug fixed

The preferences file is fixed in non-Windows systems. I need to write a patch for Windows systems. I should test the application on Luke's computer.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Amused
Music:

Wed, 15 Mar 2006

6:14 PM

For Luke...

<http://www.esthersfollies.com/cast/matt/>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 16 Mar 2006

11:17 AM

More TCP...

I have a quiz at the end of class, but first we have a lecture. We're discussing more on TCP.

I need to work on my project today. I'd like to finish up my RSS reader code. I'm having a slight (ok somewhat major) bug with escape characters, but once that's fixed I can comment the code and do the final packaging.

It's supposed to snow this afternoon and evening. :(

At least tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day. Bailey's is usually on sale. :)

I found out that my next payment on my undergrad loans will be due May 2nd. :(It's not that big but still...

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Geeky
Music:

Tue, 21 Mar 2006

11:28 AM

Weird day so far...

Luke had jury duty today. He had to report by 9 am, but he was home by 10:15 am. Someone did a last minute plea, and Luke's group was excused.

I'm guessing I'm not having a quiz today (I didn't see the professor bring any papers in, just his laptop). However next Tuesday I have an assignment and exam.

This afternoon I need to go to GradFair. Basically GradFair at WMU is when you can order your robes and graduation announcements. Since I will be getting my master's, I will have to order a robe, cap, tassle (not as exciting as it seems) and master's hood. I'm guessing the hood is adding \$20 to the total cost. Since the other stuff is basically the same as the bachelor's degree. I need to order 14 announcements. One announcement for myself, the others for relatives.

Luke wants to get a haircut today and possibly pizza for dinner. (Pizza the dinner of champions)

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Giddy
Music:

Fri, 24 Mar 2006

2:53 PM

Wow... my eyes hurt

My MIL sent me a reply to an email three times. I'm scared to open any of the replies...

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 30 Mar 2006

11:10 AM

Fun, fun morning

I have not had any caffeine yet. This is not a good thing. I felt really bad during my exam on Tuesday but no chance to get a doctor's note so I was screwed. I had to cancel a dentist appointment last minute since I couldn't drive myself to the dentist and back. I'm sitting in class, and we started our lecture on IP. Last night I was showing Luke myspace. I was demonstrating what is wrong with their service from a HCI perspective. One more point to add, they have response time issues. I uploaded a photo and am still waiting it for appear in my profile.

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Exhausted
Music:

Thu, 6 Apr 2006

11:26 AM

I am so tired

I'm tired, exhausted and really want to curl up in a corner. To make matters worse, my boss emailed me about magma soft. I suspect my co-sysadmin promised magma soft to two students and failed to mention this to me. So now instead of crashing after class, I will have to go into the lab and find out what the fuck is happening (or not happening).

Last night I ended up dealing a professor with a projector problem and a confused TA. The TA dropped off his machine at our lab instead of the sysadmin responsible for his computer. So now our sorry asses need to track the sysadmin down.

In addition I need to write more today. At least I had enough sense to grab some motrin on the way to class.

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Drained
Music:

Tue, 11 Apr 2006

11:57 AM

Geeze I just had to reply

I replied to the rank thread on stealthy's site.

One of the users was a bit condensing and threw his supposed age in the thread. Plus he's an idiot - no way in hell

could a hosting company offer a full 100 mbit /sec external connection. Plus if they had the speed, you're sharing with n people.

I really hate stupid comments. Oh don't justify your stupidity by saying you mean something else by 2k. Obviously you meant 2 GB of ram, because otherwise you have the slowest ET server known to mankind.

Security: Public
Location: School
Mood: Accepted
Music:

Thu, 13 Apr 2006

11:10 AM

Umm... Finally!

It's been confirmed by Apple and the Beatles - the entire Beatles catalog will be available on iTunes soon.

I wonder how their court case is going...

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 1 May 2006

3:18 PM

Sitting, waiting...

I am still waiting for a phone call, e-mail, etc... I do understand it can take some time to put together a formal offer however I would very much like the whole thing to be done.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 16 May 2006

3:08 PM

Interesting day so far...

I've been working on some C# code and a brief presentation I found I am giving Friday. The talk will be on Ruby on Rails. Yep, I have to research Ruby on Rails and give a 30 minute talk. It should be fun. Yeah... right.

The drive to work was eventful. Near the I-69 exit on I-94, a semi-truck had taken the off ramp too quickly and spilled its cargo all over the off ramp. Needless to say, it took me 30 minutes to drive 3 miles. Other than that drive was peachy.

My bosses are in meetings for the rest of the day. I was given a brief assignment (so to speak) to work on and was told I will be giving the tech talk on Friday.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Geeky
Music:

3:18 PM

Crazy Dutch....

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12809975/>

What the hell were they thinking when they set up that habitat in the zoo?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 18 May 2006

9:30 AM

Got this from www.thedailywtf.com

My new co-workers recommended this site, <http://www.thedailywtf.com>. It's rather funny (well if you're in the computer industry, IT or anything related).

The following function was an overseas Indian software shop's solution for SQL injection. See any problems?

```
function checkForBadSql($sqlcode){ global $CONTEXT, $ERROR_TEXT; $badSqlCode[] = 'create';  
$badSqlCode[] = 'database'; $badSqlCode[] = 'table'; $badSqlCode[] = 'insert'; $badSqlCode[] = 'update';  
$badSqlCode[] = 'rename'; $badSqlCode[] = 'replace'; $badSqlCode[] = 'select'; $badSqlCode[] = 'handler';  
$badSqlCode[] = 'delete'; $badSqlCode[] = 'truncate'; $badSqlCode[] = 'drop'; $badSqlCode[] = 'where';  
$badSqlCode[] = 'or'; $badSqlCode[] = 'and'; $badSqlCode[] = 'values'; $badSqlCode[] = 'set'; //test if sql code is  
bad if (preg_match('/s[\'"].implode('|',$badSqlCode).'+s/i', $sqlcode)) { //bad sql found -- hack attempt! Abort  
$ERROR_TEXT = "Invalid text was entered. Please correct."; return 0; } return 1;}
```

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

12:10 AM

Drive wasn't so bad, maybe the day will be ok

Yeah that's good logic. :)

I had to go over my interruption of the UML design and documentation. After my boss gets back - more coding.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Okay
Music:

3:22 PM

Wow

<http://thedailywtf.com/forums/thread/71364.aspx>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Fri, 19 May 2006

3:46 PM

You want what?

I'm doing some research for work. Lots of fun. It's really quiet this afternoon.

My talk went so-so. At least I tried a new restaurant town. Pretty good place. Definitely will take Luke there.

Can't wait to get home today. It's not that I want to get out of the office so much. It's more that I want to go home. :)

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 22 May 2006

1:07 PM

Comcast

It looks Luke and I will be able to host our servers from our new apartment. :)

We still need to discuss what to do regarding some of the sites (aka Stealthy's) but other than it's mostly a settled matter.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Tue, 23 May 2006

9:20 AM

It's way too early

Luke was awake this morning before I woke up. He's got to find a way to get some sleep.

My drive was uneventful.

Yesterday I was talking to my mom and I hope everything works out ok for her.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

12:26 AM

Oh... the pain

It's quiet today. Both bosses are out of the office for either most of the afternoon or all of the afternoon.

Boss 1 (business boss) sent me an email telling / gently reminding me to not have any personal calls in the general work space. I was on my cell phone so he couldn't say I was costing the company money.

I am quite happy he sent me the email. Why? Because it means if he is unhappy about something, he'll let me know.

Plus the email wasn't to be taken in a mean way. Though I was slightly miffed because other people have taken personal calls and had conversations in the general working office (but I must note out of boss 1's earshot).

Apparently he likes silence. We can't play music on the computer speakers due to this silence requirement.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Amused

Music:

Thu, 25 May 2006

10:21 AM

Tired

I am bored. Not much can be done about that at the moment.

Stealthy has contacted Luke about the possible hosting issues yet. Ungrateful SOBs. They have used a good share of resources for hosting and we can't even get a cheap one line ad at the bottom of the page. Initially I was pissed but I found out the head of the project is in his teen's. That's an age where people still think the world owes them something. I say let them enjoy the notation until the world sneaks up and hits them over the head. LOL.

I have a meeting later today. How fun. Meetings are so fun. It's like going to Disney World and Disney Land in the same day.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Tired

Music:

1:18 PM

C# 3.0

I was just browsing a document regarding C# 3.0. The query expression language looks interesting though I think MSFT will need to sell people on the idea of it.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Geeky

Music:

Fri, 26 May 2006

2:15 PM

3 quesses where this firm is located

<http://thedailywtf.com/forums/thread/74660.aspx>

BTW the first two don't count. It's rather obvious.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 30 May 2006

5:43 AM

It's too hot

I woke up at 5 am due to how freaking hot it was in the apartment. I really hope Luke talks to the office about the air today. :)

I need to call Allstate and add the apartment in Ann Arbor today.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Hot
Music:

Wed, 31 May 2006

2:28 PM

Moving covered?

Well the insurance agent got back to me about the two apartments. Our current renter's policy covers moves up to 30 days. So no changes need to be made with that. The agent is changing the address for all policies on July 1st. One less item to cross off my moving list.

I am trying to figure out what to do with WMU's HR department. I am not a current employee so I don't know if the current employee change of address form would work. They're so confusing sometimes.

At least today was payday at work. :) Oh yeah I am fairly confident my new job is getting taxed at a higher income rate. Seriously I think I can start getting more picky on how income tax is spent.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Tired
Music:

Mon, 5 Jun 2006

12:40 AM

What a day

I sort of slept last night. I know I will sleep better tonight. Having the cats around really helped last night. When I woke up, all three cats were asleep on the air mattress. It also was a bit cold in the apartment so all three of them were cuddling with me. They were a bit upset this morning that Luke wasn't home. I gave them breakfast and fresh water. I decided to give them wet food tonight. I figured they would need it after their first full day without Luke home. Luke and I talked on AIM last night using audio / video chat. Since he doesn't have a web cam, he could see me but I couldn't see him. The cats kept walking in front of the web cam as well. :) One of my bosses will be out of the office starting tomorrow for the rest of week. That always makes work interesting. After work today, I'm going to work out, do a bit of housework (litter, laundry, etc...), get a shower, make dinner and get online.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Nerdy
Music:

Tue, 6 Jun 2006

10:02 AM

(no subject)

I worked out yesterday and my shoulder is feeling a bit odd. It's felt worse before, but it feels a bit stiff today. Luke and I talked last night through AIM. That was nice. I really like the video / audio chat feature. I have to spend today through Friday, learning an existing project. This should be a relatively quiet week. At least I hope so. I think I will work out in some way after work. I'm leaning toward swimming in the lap pool. It's nice to get some variety in work outs. I brought one of my nicer lunches for the week with me today. I figured I would need it considering how *boring* the day would be.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Listless
Music:

Wed, 7 Jun 2006

8:09 AM

Lovely morning

I woke up this morning with pain. My shoulder is really bad this morning. My shoulder hurt when I went to bed last night, but this morning (after 8 hours on an air mattress) it was really, really bad.

I have to work on a project this morning. We have something we need to finish by the end of the week.

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Uncomfortable
Music:

Thu, 8 Jun 2006

12:28 AM

(no subject)

I picked up the Amazon package from the leasing office this morning. I also dropped off the move in exception list. I have been rather busy this morning. I am working with another programmer on a project. After work, I plan on getting some house work done. Take out the garbage, run the dishwasher and do some laundry. I will change the cats' litter boxes as well.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Jubilant
Music:

Tue, 13 Jun 2006

12:29 AM

Wow

Finishing up my lunch right now. We had a mini discussion on the meaning of "pufta". It's British slang according to the Urban dictionary. So if you say "Richard aka Evan is a pufta" - I apparently called him gay but in a not so kind fashion.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 15 Jun 2006

1:26 PM

(no subject)

Apparently the new apartment complex proactively put a work order in to paint the front door. The manager called this morning to schedule an appointment. I told him that I would contact him after the movers come and Luke is in Ann Arbor full time. The front door would need to be open so one of us would have to be home and put the cats in the bathroom. Also I explained I would rather have the door painted after the movers came. I got paid today. That's always good. :) The work day is flying by today. I had a client meeting this morning (1 hour and 40 minutes) so it was 10:40 before I could actually start coding. Maybe that's why the day is flying by. Plus the boss is out of the office the rest of the day so we're usually productive (no interruptions). Personally I have enough coding to keep me busy. I'm on my lunch right now. Oh my boss realized I don't have business cards yet. So I am expecting he will order those soon. It will answer the not-so-old age question - what is my title exactly? I slept fairly well last night. I slept 6.5 hours straight. Yep, in a row - no waking up at 3 am. Of course I was exhausted. I reminded the cats that Luke is coming home tomorrow. I will probably have to remind them later today as well. Last night Luke worked on the server remotely. Umm... I should ask Luke to bring a few travel coffee mugs with him soon.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Nerdy

Music:

5:20 PM

Ballmer Won - It's official

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13348456/>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 21 Jun 2006

11:35 AM

Yep no email for you

I want to avoid my email entirely but I can't.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 29 Jun 2006

10:44 AM

Ummm.... interesting so Bush did overstep his power

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/13592908/>

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 6 Jul 2006

10:08 AM

Let's see that was fun - ok it wasn't

I worked 12 hours yesterday. It really sucked. I had no guilt about coming in a hour later than I normally do. I mean - no guilt at all. Worst part I still have a ton of work on the project left.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Tired
Music:

12:57 AM

(no subject)

I just had lunch, and am finishing up my little lunch break. Man I'm so tired. I am really fighting the urge to pick up dinner after work. I have zero desire to cook dinner tonight. I still have quite a bit of stuff to at work. This morning has been much calmer than yesterday evening.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Tired
Music:

Thu, 13 Jul 2006

12:40 AM

Ummm... I could really use some WoW time

Work hasn't been bad today. It's been rather ok. Tomorrow one of the programmer's last day, so we're all going out to lunch. It's going to be a nice Indian restaurant downtown. I'm looking forward to it.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 18 Jul 2006

10:01 AM

(no subject)

Apparently it's chaos day at work. So far nothing if effecting my projects directly - but you never know. It's been one of those days so far.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Melancholy
Music:

3:02 PM

Why I don't like answering the phone at work

The number one reason I *hate* answering the phone at work is sales calls. Take this one. Me: Good afternoon. <company I work for> Asshat on line one: "I need to speak with the owner of the company." Me: May I ask who's calling? Asshat: <generic web site company> regarding your company's website. Me: Is he expecting your call? If so I can transfer you to his voice mail. He is out of the office right now. Asshat: I need to speak with the owner of the company. Me: He is out of the office. If you'd like I could transfer you to his voice mail. Asshat: No, I NEED to speak with the owner of the company, not his voice mail, MA'AM. Me: Well I am sorry but he is out of the office right now. Asshat: Fine I will just call later.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 24 Jul 2006

12:50 AM

Wow I'm tired

The morning has seemed to fly by and at the same time it hasn't. I've been rather busy but not *uber* busy by any means. I have to send an email after lunch. I really dislike sending and writing business emails.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Tired
Music:

Fri, 28 Jul 2006

10:38 AM

(no subject)

I'm the only person in the office right now. It's very, very quiet. Sounds like I might have to buy my lunch today. Greg may be out of office (again) to go onsite. So therefore no possibility for a tech session. That sucks. My boss is at meeting most of the morning - again no possibility for a free lunch. I gotta think about this lunch issue.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 31 Jul 2006

12:20 AM

(no subject)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TGN1412> Ok this "drug test" brings up two issues. First, regardless if the company thought the drug was safe, they're still responsible for what the drug did to the participants' health. These people do and will continue to have serious health problems. The company at the very minimum should pay for their medical expenses. Second, if the previous animal tests did not show any problems, doesn't this mean animal testing cannot always accurately predict how humans will react? I mean other primates were given this drug and did have their immune system destroyed yet this occurred for the first time in humans. I think this gives some credit to people who feel animal testing is not the way to test human drugs. Perhaps there should be some serious work in computer simulations of biological systems. I mean if a drug destroys a computer simulation's immune system, it wouldn't be so bad and no one dies over it. Of course I know the complexity of such a system would mean it could take decades to get it right - but why don't people start working on it now?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Nerdy
Music:

5:45 PM

(no subject)

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2006/07/31> Yep, that pretty much sums it up.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Happy
Music:

Tue, 1 Aug 2006

1:02 PM

Ahh... life is ok

I still haven't gotten a call from "Amber" yet. I suspect I may have to call the management company tomorrow. In the mean time I decided I may have to write a letter to the complex and the management company. Work's been ok. Sort of moving slowly today.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

3:14 PM

(no subject)

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/LAW/08/01/bar.id.ap/index.html> Brilliant. There's nothing more to say.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Lazy
Music:

Wed, 2 Aug 2006

11:45 AM

Note to self...

Meeting went as well as could be expected minus one of the participants has a kidney stone. He felt the need to mention this after he picked up that the rest of us felt he was detached and had his mind somewhere else. Note to self: no more meetings with people who have kidney stones.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Moody
Music:

Thu, 3 Aug 2006

12:20 AM

ahh... the boss is gone

My boss left for his vacation. Of course, he left all of us with a long to do list but it's quiet at least. :) Nah, it's not that bad. I have had several worse bosses so I can't complain.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Jubilant
Music:

Mon, 7 Aug 2006

11:18 AM

Free Lunch

Our new project manager / lead designer started today. Another free lunch. My morning meeting got pushed back so I can go to the new employee lunch.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Tue, 8 Aug 2006

9:19 AM

damn it's quiet

I'm the first person in the office again. It's so quiet. :)

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Listless

Music:

12:47 AM

For Luke

I left my leftovers from lunch yesterday in the fridge. If you'd like them for lunch, they're yours.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 9 Aug 2006

10:35 AM

Ahh...

Just one other person here so far. The other two developers are at a meeting.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Nerdy

Music:

Thu, 10 Aug 2006

11:32 AM

damnit

The air is being worked on in my office building and I am driving Luke's car today! Damn it's hot outside.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

12:03 AM

(no subject)

<http://www.cnn.com/2006/TECH/ptech/08/10/dvd.burning.ap/index.html>I hope this works out. I'd love to burn my videos from iTunes.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

12:26 AM

(no subject)

Air's back on. And none too soon!

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

12:29 AM

(no subject)

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/14268284/Umm...> here's my 2 cents. Probably both companies use local water and the water supply is the problem or some other local ingredient. It sounds like the Indian states are blaming an environmental problem on Coke and Pepsi. Now Coke and Pepsi should test their drinks. If there's a problem with the water (or any other local ingredient), then they should charge more to import the ingredient. But you know, it could be a water problem and hell the problem could have been corrected years ago (importing water, or whatever) and the governments wouldn't do shit about it.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Fri, 11 Aug 2006

10:16 AM

Wow... it's Friday

I just wish I could go home and take a nap.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Sun, 13 Aug 2006

11:58 AM

Newest computer store in Flint

Luke and I bought a cheap network card from the "newest" computer store in Flint - Avalon Systems. LOL

Security: Public
Location: Home
Mood: Indifferent

Music:

Mon, 14 Aug 2006

12:49 AM

I've had better days...

Ok - work could be worse. Not one of my favorite days so far... I almost forgot how much the little mini meetings stress me out. I'm not horribly stressed out, it's more that I'm not a big fan of the interruption it causes. It seems like 95% of the time, I'm in the middle of a somewhat big, complicated programming task.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Tue, 15 Aug 2006

2:24 PM

Good thing all thoughts aren't spoken out loud

There's so much I want to write but I will have to wait until later.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 16 Aug 2006

12:04 AM

Ummm.. I might give WMU some money for this!

<http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2006/08/016.html>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 23 Aug 2006

1:44 PM

(no subject)

I've been busy lately. I barely have time to sit down and think.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 24 Aug 2006

1:32 PM

It's almost Friday

I am sort of looking forward to this upcoming weekend. The weekend after that will be the trip to Mackinaw Island and Andrea's wedding so I am expecting that to be a fun but busy weekend. Work is going. It's not bad, but it's not super happy fun time right now. I suspect some time will have to be put into work this weekend but I am trying to minimize that to one day and not the whole freaking day.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Listless

Music:

Mon, 28 Aug 2006

9:55 AM

(no subject)

Do not kill the client. I know it's hard but try not to today.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 25 Sep 2006

10:49 AM

Vacation Ideas

I did a bit of research. If we booked the hotel and flight together, we could go to Germany for a week around \$970 per person. I estimate we'd need an addition \$800 for food and expenses on top of that.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 28 Sep 2006

3:01 PM

Talked to possible future MBSD developer

I talked to a FreeBSD user from Holland who may be interested in helping MBSD in the future. He seems knowledgeable and loves cats (he has 9!). He liked the idea of a BSD being named after a cat.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 18 Oct 2006

2:22 PM

Umm... interesting headline?

Here's a headline..."Rice in Japan in bid to calm nervous Japanese" I know what the writer meant but still...

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Tue, 24 Oct 2006

4:35 PM

Ummm

According to Mlive.com, Meijer will offer some antibiotics (~70% of the most commonly prescribed ones) for free regardless of your economic situation. It's kind of messed up that some companies (Walmart, Kmart, Walmart) are stepping up and offering drugs at low cost or giving free drugs to people.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 9 Nov 2006

2:11 PM

The Daily WTF - The Joe Board

<http://thedailywtf.com/forums/thread/100135.aspx>

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Nerdy

Music:

Thu, 30 Nov 2006

1:36 PM

Actual Function Name

I'm working on fixing some minor problems in an existing PHP application. This is the actual function name I found in one of the include files. `function get_busy($sect_id)` All I have to say is thank the Goddess for comments. I would have had no idea what this did without the comments.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 4 Dec 2006

1:06 PM

Quick update

I'm at work, and somewhat bored. It's not that I don't have anything to do, it's just that it's sort of dull. I had 2+ cups of coffee and I fear I will fall asleep this afternoon at my desk. I suspect the fact I kept waking up (and somehow not remembering that I did) is not helping.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Nerdy

Music:

Fri, 15 Dec 2006

2:11 PM

I always suspected this to be true

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/6180753.stm>

Vegetarians have higher IQ's than meat eaters.

New response to "Why don't you eat meat?"

A: I'm sorry. I'm too smart to eat meat.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 20 Dec 2006

10:22 AM

How true....

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2006/12/20>

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 3 Jan 2007

3:31 PM

(no subject)

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/01/03>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 4 Jan 2007

1:42 PM

Umm... interesting

<http://hotjobs.yahoo.com/jobs/MI/Ann-Arbor//JNFSR6UCL>

Yeah! They're building a store in Briarwood!

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 8 Jan 2007

4:19 PM

This takes me back

<http://www.dilbert.com/comics/dilbert/archive/dilbert-20061210.html>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 24 Jan 2007

12:07 AM

So true...

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/01/24>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 30 Jan 2007

3:49 PM

This is priceless

<http://chroniclesofgeorge.nanc.com/>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Fri, 2 Feb 2007

11:29 AM

That's the version of Vista I want!

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/02/02>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 8 Feb 2007

1:05 PM

Ummm.... now what would lactivists say to this?

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17032893/>

You know the woman shouldn't have been doing drugs and taking care of an infant. But at some point you wonder if the idea that breast milk is the best for infants should have a * next to the information.

I think women should be made aware that in some cases breast milk is bad.

I'm curious if she ever had her milk tested by a doctor or if a doctor recommended that she breast feed.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 19 Feb 2007

1:53 PM

I know this is a MSNBC article but...

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17190349/>

The only time MSNBC shows a picture of Stallman, it is when he's in Cuba pushing open source?

OMG

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 22 Feb 2007

12:33 AM

Fran Allen receives Turing Award

http://campus.acm.org/public/pressroom/press_releases/2_2007/turing2006.cfmFirst woman to receive the Turing award! Good for her!

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 1 Mar 2007

3:46 PM

Wow

http://news.com.com/2100-1027_3-6162729.html?part=rss&tag=2547-1_3-0-5&subj=newsThe music industry is not making as much because they're releasing crap and calling it music.Also, the only reason the music labels want iTunes opened up is so they can dump iTunes, and sell music at whatever markup they want to.Stop treating your customers like criminals and stop trying to sell us crappy music.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

4:06 PM

Oh Rick - you make mocking you so easy

<http://www.trebbs.com/threads/showflat.php?Cat=&Board=UBB19&Number=7321643>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Amused
Music:

Mon, 5 Mar 2007

11:14 AM

Nice weekend but weird

The tax return arrived so shortly Luke and I will be ordering my new computer. I am getting so excited about getting a new Intel Mac Pro!Luke sort of had a crappy weekend in other ways. He was working on a programming assignment with very vague specifications. Plus his grandmother was at his aunt's house, and he really felt like they sort of brushed him off. The history between Luke and his family is way too complex to describe in a blog entry. Though I tend to walk around with this feeling that at one time I didn't help the situation, however nothing I can do at this point can really influence the situation.Luke's dad "bought" a new car. By "bought" I mean Luke's grandmother gave him the money since the man has been out of work for a year and a half (minus some very, very short term employment).It's really sad. Luke and I have completely paid for our last two cars (we took sole responsibility for payments).Luke's Buick we paid for half of it (the other half was a wedding gift). The 96 Saturn was a graduation gift. The 98 Saturn we took a loan out for and the 2005 Ion we got a lease (and make the payments all by ourselves).Luke is his father's son and is more of an adult. His dad bitches and moans about his situation. "I can't get a good paying job without a degree" - Ok, go get one. The man could have had sophomore standing by now. Heck he might even had had junior standing if they counted his banking certificate.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

5:26 PM

So true...

<http://www.gocomics.com/foxtrot/2007/03/04/>One of my LJ friends posted this - RIAA - you have hit the mainstream!

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 7 Mar 2007

12:04 AM

WMU & OIT - No Vista for you!

<http://www.wmich.edu/wmu/news/2007/03/019.html>I like the "critical" applications part... that's cute.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

12:23 AM

(no subject)

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/03/07>Yeah - that's a good idea! Rumor has it, that an upcoming game title (RPG) will allow you to father a children or get pregnant (if you're playing a female character). Apparently some strange "mini-game" is needed to trigger this.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 13 Mar 2007

5:15 PM

Fake CS Paper Generator

<http://pdos.csail.mit.edu/scigen/>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 14 Mar 2007

11:55 AM

My New Mac Pro

The "basic" migration from the old mac to the new mac is over. I moved my music, pictures, movies, etc...More importantly I moved the essential household data. I had to buy a new version of Quicken for the Mac - which by the way they charge \$70! Seriously, this is the main reason I don't get crazy about upgrading Quicken. It costs way too freaking much. Plus I still have to manually handle some of the accounts. It really sucks. But I can stare at my negative net worth and just sigh. Most of my negative net worth is due to my student loans. How fun.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 15 Mar 2007

2:24 PM

Note to any current or future co-workers

Raising your voice during a design meeting does not make me pay more attention to your ideas. It actually does the opposite.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

4:03 PM

If you can't say anything original about MBSD...

While I am not active in the MBSD project, I do have a lot of interest in the project (otherwise I would not pay the Internet bill). I did a quick Google search on MBSD. Honestly I don't get why every little whiny poster needs to bitch and moan about it being a fork (half of the people don't seem to even know the proper definition of fork and assume distro == fork). Then they go in the typical discussion of "we don't need more BSD's." Ok, seriously other people have made these comments. If you don't like the project goals or think it's a waste of time and energy - I don't know - DON'T DOWNLOAD IT. If a project is not popular, it will go away on its own. Plus, why mention the project in the first place? Not mentioning a project tends to kill one much faster than writing flame bait posts on the Internet. Why? 9 out of 10 people may agree with you, but there will be a few who research the project themselves - and some of them may end up liking the project.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Annoyed

Music:

Fri, 16 Mar 2007

10:19 AM

Eat your veggies, and cut out (ok - limit) your red meat

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17635140/http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17631389/>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 19 Mar 2007

10:47 AM

Things I have learned at work

It's important to have one project as a developer where you don't have to compromise your vision. If not, you'll be unhappy.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Fri, 23 Mar 2007

10:32 AM

Even Senior Citizens Like Wii's

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17753137/>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 26 Mar 2007

10:28 AM

Interesting Fact

Mr. Rogers was a vegetarian. That just kicks ass. He was quoted as saying once that he didn't eat anything that had a mother.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 28 Mar 2007

4:57 PM

Good thing I packed my medicine

I packed some generic Motrin and I am quite happy. Around 4 pm, my fever wanted to return and I took a motrin. The cough drops are helping a lot especially when I had to talk to the high school students.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 2 Apr 2007

9:46 AM

Apple-EMI announcement?

<http://www.apple.com/pr/library/2007/04/02itunes.html>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

10:31 AM

The surviving Beatles don't like money

I have concluded the surviving Beatles don't like money. At this point, it's silly they haven't put their catalog online. Since they decided they have all the money they can use, let's stop buying their music. If you must buy a Beatles record, go to a used music store and buy a second hand record / tape / CD.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Mellow
Music:

3:35 PM

I don't know about you but I'm always looking up a horse to the sink

http://worsethanfailure.com/Articles/Yes,_That_0x27_s_Exactly_What_I_Meant.aspx

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 4 Apr 2007

11:24 AM

w00t

I have the day off on Friday! It's a company holiday!

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

11:38 AM

See I don't need 8 cups of water

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/17946596/>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 5 Apr 2007

10:29 AM

The RIAA is stupid

http://www.billboard.com/bbcom/news/article_display.jsp?vnu_content_id=1003565585Summary: Nine Inch Nails and their record label has started a campaign where they left USB memory sticks in different European venues with tracks from the upcoming album. Fans can share the MP3's legally in efforts to promote the album. The RIAA's response, they want the fans to stop sharing the files. Nine Inch Nails and the record album approved this file sharing so they are quite upset that the RIAA is going after their promotion campaign.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 16 Apr 2007

11:39 AM

This is how you know you're hot

In a recent MSNBC / Elle survey on cheating, one of the questions was "Which celebrity would be the most likely to tempt you into cheating on your partner?" 1 out of 10 men and women answered Angelina Jolie. But let's be honest if you're presented with having a meaningless one night stand with Brad Pitt OR Angelina Jolie - who would you chose?

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 23 Apr 2007

11:01 AM

BSD / Linux - why we aren't on the same page anymore

The fallout over the Broadcom driver highlights how the open source community is divided into different camps. Now in theory, all open source people are working toward the same goals. Low cost software for the average person, allowing several developers to make a real difference in software, etc... Somehow in the open source community, you're instantly labeled. You're a "Linux" or "BSD" person. Each side touts its own licensing mode as superior to the other one, and claims to produce better work due to their community / philosophy / licensing model, etc... Over the weekend, BSD and Linux people were engaged in an online warfare over the (admitted) use of GPL code by an

OpenBSD developer. It could have been handled developer to developer privately, but no it had to be shared with the whole freaking world. Both sides trying to use it as further proof that their software development philosophy is correct and the other side is childish and stupid. This issue raises a more serious question. If we're so busy focused on what the "other" open source team is doing - how can we stick to our original goals? How can we really focus on make in-roads into the average home? At a certain point, we need to work together. We don't have deep pockets like Microsoft or Apple. We need to help each other out.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

4:07 PM

Nothing says...

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/04/23/turner.prom/index.html> Nothing says "our town doesn't have race issues" like having a white only "private" prom. This year is the first year this school has had an "official" prom. Also until this year they selected two homecoming queens - one white, one black.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 24 Apr 2007

6:02 PM

Ahhh - The quiet

It's so quiet. So nice. So peaceful. Wait, my boss is in Lansing. I bet there's no connection between the quiet environment and him being in Lansing.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Mellow
Music:

Wed, 25 Apr 2007

11:16 AM

Lamest Technology Mascots

http://www.wired.com/culture/design/multimedia/2007/04/gallery_mascots Midnight kicks all their asses!

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

12:31 AM

(no subject)

Wiccan VA Headstone Pentacle SettlementThe Pentacle is now a recognized religious symbol that can be placed on military grave markers.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 26 Apr 2007
1:17 PM

(no subject)

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2006/06/18/INGQCJEDCE1.DTL>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Fri, 27 Apr 2007
4:11 PM

Gnomes!

<http://www.blizzard.com/wow/screenshot.aspx?ImageIndex=150&Set=64>

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Nerdy
Music:

Mon, 30 Apr 2007
12:06 AM

US Supreme Court Patent Ruling

<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601087&sid=aHigP6BkC8pE&refer=home>A patent can now be ruled as "obvious" more often. Basically there will be stricter rules for the "non-obvious" clause.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

4:23 PM

Wow

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18389704/>Anyone else wonder if the younger brother got his older brother drunk?

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Amused
Music:

Tue, 1 May 2007

11:49 AM

BP CEO Resigning

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18416862/>He's not resigning due to high prices or public backlash - no because his ex-boyfriend is publishing an article about their relationship.High oil prices? No. Environmental problems? No.Gay? Apparently yes. The collective human race needs to grow up.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 3 May 2007

2:19 PM

I like GUID's as much as the next person but...

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guid>But does the primary key for a record in a database table need to be a GUID? Well "primary" key assumes some things like the field is indexed.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Nerdy

Music:

Tue, 8 May 2007

10:50 AM

How NOT to Parse command line arguments

<http://worsesthanfailure.com/Articles/Classics-Week-How-Not-to-Parse-Command-Line-Arguments.aspx>I question what the programmer was thinking.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 9 May 2007

12:41 AM

Mormons - Get Sharpton Fired!

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/POLITICS/05/09/romney.sharpton.ap/index.html>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 10 May 2007

11:12 AM

Executed inmate's final meal

<http://www.cnn.com/2007/US/05/09/execution.pizza/index.html>The inmate was homeless when he committed the crime and simply wanted one homeless person to have a nice meal. It's amazing what people will do. Instead of one person getting a nice meal - several did. It's really amazing.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 14 May 2007

5:12 PM

I'm getting hungry

I'm getting hungry. This sucks.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Hungry

Music:

Tue, 22 May 2007

4:27 PM

Post office employees...

I had a post office employee practically yell at me for simply being in line. I understand you're having a bad day, but I was just waiting for my turn. It's not my fault the lady ahead of me couldn't read the sixty billion "No Credit or Debit Cards" signs you have posted.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 23 May 2007

10:19 AM

That's how they kept it a secret

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/05/23>

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 24 May 2007

3:16 PM

Interesting fact...

I did a little math...I calculated how much it would cost to visit my parents if I drove or took a flight. With current gas prices + hotel stays for the drive - \$560 round trip (did not include food). If Luke and I flew \$656 for two tickets (did not include estimate for food and airport parking).

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Tue, 29 May 2007

4:15 PM

Robbing a girl before hitting on her is never good

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18914479/>

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Fri, 1 Jun 2007

2:43 PM

Is Ho-Speed better than High-Speed?

<http://worsethanfailure.com/Articles/Print-It-Like-Its-Hot.aspx>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Wed, 6 Jun 2007

11:51 AM

Ok - ummm what was the health drink again?

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19067777/>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

4:37 PM

Wii outsells PS3 5 to 1 in Japan last month

http://money.cnn.com/2007/06/05/news/international/nintendo_sony.reut/index.htm?postversion=2007060521

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 7 Jun 2007

1:00 PM

(no subject)

See this is a link!

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 12 Jun 2007

9:50 AM

(no subject)

I love reading emails from clients that state "we love what you did but our clients wants...".

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Moody
Music:

Mon, 18 Jun 2007

2:27 PM

Testing Login Page

Testing the new login page.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Fri, 29 Jun 2007

12:02 AM

You get three guesses and the first two count...

<http://www.dilbert.com/comics/dilbert/archive/images/dilbert2007305500628.gif>For some reason this reminded me of someone specific.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 18 Jul 2007

3:36 PM

Ummm...

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/07/18>

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Thu, 19 Jul 2007

11:51 AM

Women, technology and the open source problem

As a female computer scientist, I feel greatly outnumbered already. However in the open source world, I feel very, very alone. This on the surface seems surprising due to the fact there is a surprising number of women getting graduate degrees in computer science. A female computer science undergraduate is more likely than a male student to eventually pursue a graduate degree. Most fellow women in the field are successful in industry (by this I mean obtain programming jobs). At my current job, I have not felt discriminated against nor do I feel my gender influences how my colleagues view my work. I am a fellow developer. In the open source world, it should be natural for a woman to work in a project. However there is a real problem. If I am talking to someone face-to-face, it's much harder for that person to discount my opinion. The Internet allows the darker parts of human nature to appear. By this I mean it's easier for a (fairly) anonymous person to express his or her opinion without real social consequences. Some men in the open source world take no effort to hide their sexist attitudes toward women and women programmers. Another problem is the fact women tend not to become interested in computer science until college. Computers / programming are viewed as rather dorky hobbies. When I was in high school, guys who liked programming also were magic card players (dates me slightly) and very much considered dorks. No self respecting girl (or so it seemed) would join their ranks. Also, computers are considered a "male" hobby. Women tend not to have as much experience and may end up learning their first programming language in Computer Science 101. By the time, women are ready to consider open source, we're looking for a job in industry. It's rather sad how few female programmers are active in open source projects. Open source projects need programmers from all walks of life. Until that happens, I don't see how open source can get beyond power computer users.

Security: Public

Location: Work

Mood: Calm

Music:

Fri, 20 Jul 2007

2:18 PM

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<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/07/20>No - this will not work Laffer

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Thu, 9 Aug 2007

11:50 AM

Slashdot's Firehouse Feature SUCKS

I am writing this blog here in hopes of it getting caught by Google. Once a long time ago, Slashdot was a good source of news. Now due to the moderator's laziness it is crap. If I wanted crap I'd go to Digg.com (yes I wrote that - digg is crap). Luke and I both attempted to get a story about MidnightBSD releasing 0.1. No luck. Why? First, we're not a huge project. We're a new OS project something that some percentage of slashdot readers may be interested in. However firehouse lets "users" bury stories. So if some FreeBSD zealot is offended that we forked from FreeBSD - buried. If some Linux zealot thinks BSD sucks - buried. Honestly I think the best thing us geeks can do is ignore slashdot and BURY Slashdot. Everyone knows the founder is a sell out anyway.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 14 Aug 2007

2:37 PM

Yes Han did *punch* first

<http://www.pyponline.com/article/3481/tue-aug-14>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 8 Oct 2007

2:04 PM

What kind of father would tell a son this...

<http://www.penny-arcade.com/comic/2007/10/08>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 15 Oct 2007

9:54 AM

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<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/money/main.jhtml?xml=/money/2007/10/15/ccprof115.xml> Personally the scariest quotes is this: "That is why I say there is a certain husband-wife, brothers thing, where you have an ability to agree, resolve

issues, a fundamental respect, admiration, good feeling. All that lets you make one plus one equal three."I didn't know Ballmer had a "husband-wife" thing going on with Bill Gates.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 30 Oct 2007

7:19 PM

Testing Widget

Testing the widget

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 4 Dec 2007

12:28 AM

(no subject)

LJ just got sold - again! This time to a Russian company called SUP.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 7 Jan 2008

12:20 AM

I'm so tired...

It's Monday and I'm tired. I didn't sleep well and on top of it, a certain client keeps sending emails. I have sort of been ignoring the emails. I only get so much done and then take a break. I can't do their work all day. My sinuses have been acting up. The unexpected warm up in the weather has been causing me some problems. I like the warmth, my body is quite upset though.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Moody
Music:

Sat, 19 Jan 2008

10:55 AM

Testing Widget

Testing the 1.1 beta

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 4 Feb 2008

1:47 PM

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Noah Webster, You're My Only Hope
Sadly, I understand this all too well.

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Mon, 5 May 2008

10:27 AM

Testing New Features

I'm at work. Just wanted to see how the tags work.

Security: Public
Location: Work
Mood: Nerdy
Music:

Mon, 9 Jun 2008

12:02 AM

Oh no - Hans didn't do it (he just knows where the body is)

<http://blog.wired.com/27bstroke6/2008/06/hans-reiser-off.html>

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Tue, 29 Jul 2008

1:51 PM

Testing Mobile page

Testing mobile page

Security: Public
Location: Not Specified
Mood: Not Specified
Music:

Wed, 20 Aug 2008

1:10 PM

test

test

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Tue, 7 Oct 2008

4:14 PM

(no subject)

The Emo Knight

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Fri, 29 May 2009

7:45 PM

Testing New Windows JJ Client

Testing the new client

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Okay

Music: Enable detect music in options

7:50 PM

Test 2

test

Security: Public

Location: Home

Mood: Numb

Music:

Wed, 16 Dec 2009

2:37 PM

Oh Aion - You could be a great game

Aion Online could be a great game. If ... NCSoft got their shit together; and fixed the bots and gold spamming.

Seriously, it's really bad. So bad I lag. When I lag, I die. When I die, I lose XP. Thank you for backwards progress

in many ways.

Also, really zero content for "casual" players. By "casual", I mean a few hours a week (not a day like some asses claim on their forums). Legions (guilds) appear to be shrinking.

I couldn't find a way decent Legion which apparently meant I would stop leveling at 25. I'd go further and say most of the players were very unhelpful. Maybe it was the death penalty but often I found other players would watch my character die, loot the resources near my body and then go away. I'll go further and say NCSoft encourages this behavior with some of their design decisions.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music:

Mon, 10 May 2010

4:35 PM

And they'll all be surprised when the candidates revolt

Last spring I ended up doing several interviews (since I was unemployed at the time) and I know several people doing interviews right now.

What passes for acceptable is amazing.

One company contacted me for an interview, I replied via email and then poof nothing. I waited until the next day, sent another email to verify they received my last one. Well, I guess the recruiter decided to read my resume and not interview but didn't plan on telling me. The way I looked at it all the fail was on <http://www.barracudanetworks.com/ns/?L=en>.

I waited in rooms for 20 or 30 minutes. I answered stupid questions, and suffered through awkward office tours ("See the office you'll never work in, etc...").

When the job market becomes a candidate's market again, some companies will be in for a shock.

Security: Public

Location: Not Specified

Mood: Not Specified

Music: