

## Re: Why being Real Smart SUCKS

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> > *After college, there IS nothing worthwhile.*

> *What about your career?*

What career?

When you've built and programmed the neutron-embrittlement monitor for a commercial reactor, represented your company at a compiler conference, managed 920 PCs, wrote for PC Magazine and PC World, wrote the custom software Judge Jackson used in the Microsoft case, spent two months programming a gamma-ray spectrometer, wrote a skyshine analysis utility for variable shield geometries, and then quit for no other reason than to see what it's like working in a piss computer store so you could publish an article about it called "Try A Little Vendor-Ness", then it doesn't MATTER that your award-winning work has universally been acclaimed as excellent --- particularly if you look like a biker, are a biker, and answer the question what do you want to be doing in five years" with guffaws and laughter.

You see Creighton, they're looking for the guy in a suit who learned the Java language with great difficulty from a place he found on a pack of matches that said "Earn BIG MONEY in computers!" who hates it, and only does it so he can rise to middle

management.

Stupid businessmen -- Republicans all --  
– interpret doing many TYPES of things  
as "not knowing what you want to do",  
and will take someone who's Microsoft  
Certified over someone who could  
teach it, every single time.

See, hiring managers are looking for  
people like themselves, and so they  
want sizzle, not steak; and talk, not  
action. They interpret "better" as  
"unusual", "eclectic" as "eccentric",  
"overwhelmingly capable" as  
"overqualified", and "appearance" as  
"reality".

Yeah, my first posting was a joke!

I don't REALLY think that being smart  
sucks; what sucks is that everything is  
run BY stupid people FOR stupid  
people.

Sure, maybe I should have kept looking  
after a month or two, even though Bush  
fucked up the economy and tech  
unemployment in this area is over twice the  
general rate, but I decided to say "the  
hell with it" early, and now divide my  
time between earning a little money  
doing creative writing, and doing the  
only thing I really want to do: learn.

I do a good bit of it at sci.relativity, for  
which I thank you very much.

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