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Entrepreneurial Skills Learned

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Zuckerberg talks about the entrepreneurial skills he acquired in college that led him to building Facebook.



Transcript

I actually studied Psychology in Harvard, not Computer Science. Although a little bit of Computer Science. I've been programming since I was ten. And I think that it kind of like went, kind of reach the point where it's my intuition now. I'm not really thinking that much about it consciously. So that was pretty good. And then, I mean when I started thinking about all the people issues and doing Psychology, it was like being in the university interacting with a lot of people that it kind of occurred to me that this would be something I was interested in, and like I knew how to do it so I just did. I mean, it took me like a couple of weeks there, even less, putting together the site. And I remember that by the time I was done putting together the site, I had no idea how successful it could be. And I was actually thinking that after day in and day out, I had different idea that I wanted to do and I was going to scrap it after that.

So I'm happy that I didn't do that. So I think that it's more like how you spend your time doing stuff to have an answer than like something that I've learned specifically from college. I made a ton of random things when I was at Harvard and most of them no one ever saw. A lot of them just weren't meant for other people to see. And there are thing that I made for myself because I thought they'll be cool. I used to make stuff like the natural language interface to play my MP3s. Or a thing I made before, this was a HotOrNot program about everyone's ideas at Harvard that almost got me kicked out. So I don't know, I actually spent a long time random stuff. I think that that definitely made it. So by the time it came, more like, by the time I came to meet this random project that was pretty well change where it's making that, you know In terms of managing this whole process, nothing.

Like I have no idea what I'm doing, you know.