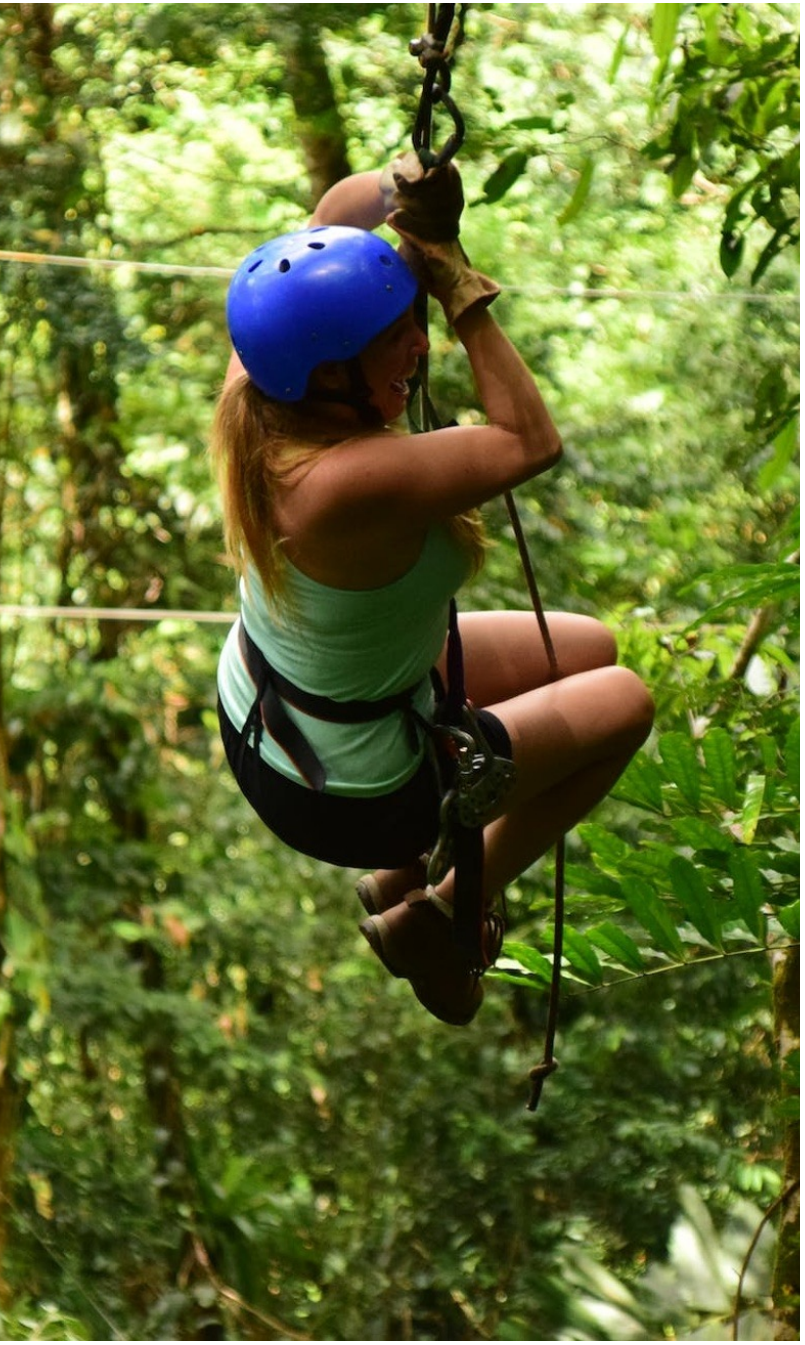

Leaving your career comfort zone

with continuous growth and development

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Characteristics of My Dream Job

A FEELING OF OWNERSHIP

Autonomy

Accomplishment

Valued

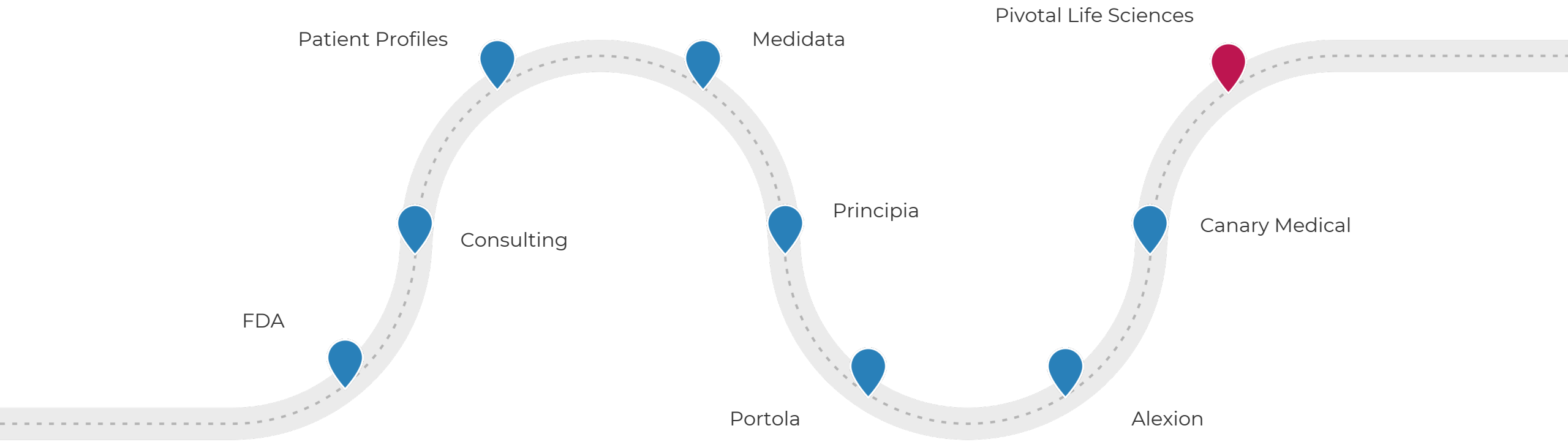
Characteristics I Don't Want in My Job

Micromanaging my day

Pointless tasks

Overworked & Undervalued

Great Jobs Require Great Preparation

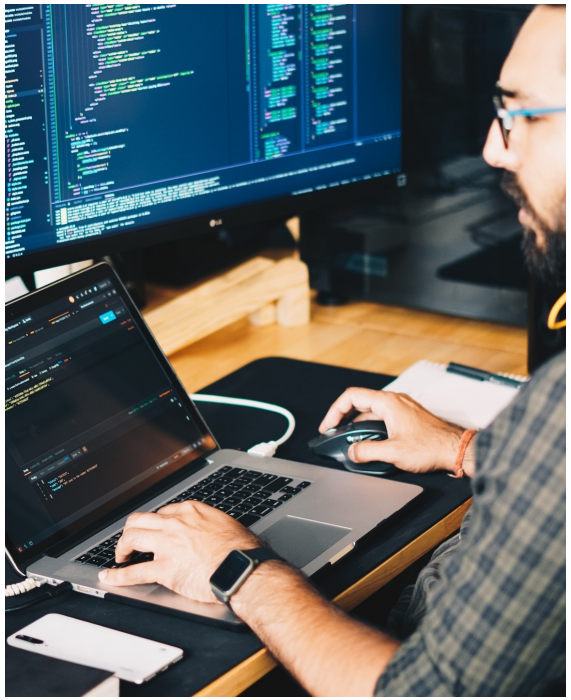


Dream Job Preparation

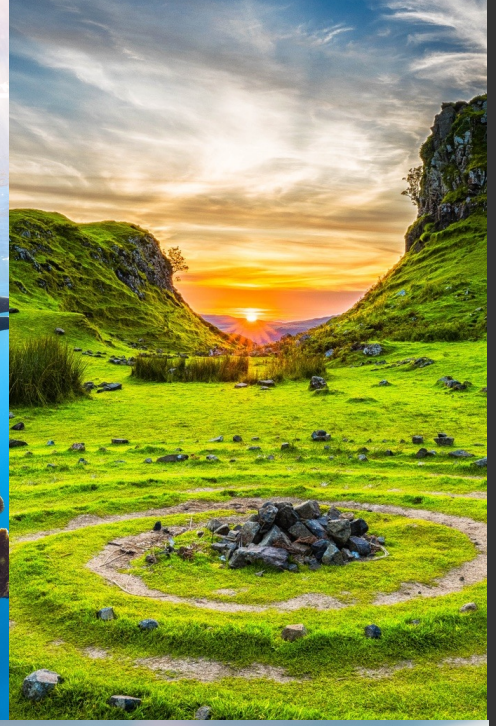
Explore Different Worlds

Communication

Feedback



Technical Skills



I Explored Different Worlds

and learned something new each time

FDA	Statistical Reviewer	Drug Review Process
Myraqa	Statistical Consultant	IVDs: Accuracy Studies, Reproducibility Studies
Patient Profiles	CEO	Relationship Building
Medidata	Product Manager & Data Scientist	Software development & Presentation Skills
Principia & Portola/Alexion	Director of Biostatistics	Pharma world from the inside
Canary Medical	VP of Data Science & SVP of Clinical Science	SaMD Regulatory requirements & Clinical Operations

I Learned How to Communicate & Build Relationships

The Big Idea

Customer gave me the idea that catapulted our company to acquisition

The Contract Mistake

Good customer relationship saved the biggest deal of our lives

Feedback Made Me Better

The Bad Presentation

The Undermining Myself Conversation

Technical Skills Make Me Feel Powerful

What made you good to begin with?

- Statistical Theory?
- Statistical Analysis?
- Coding?

Maintain those skills as you learn new skills.

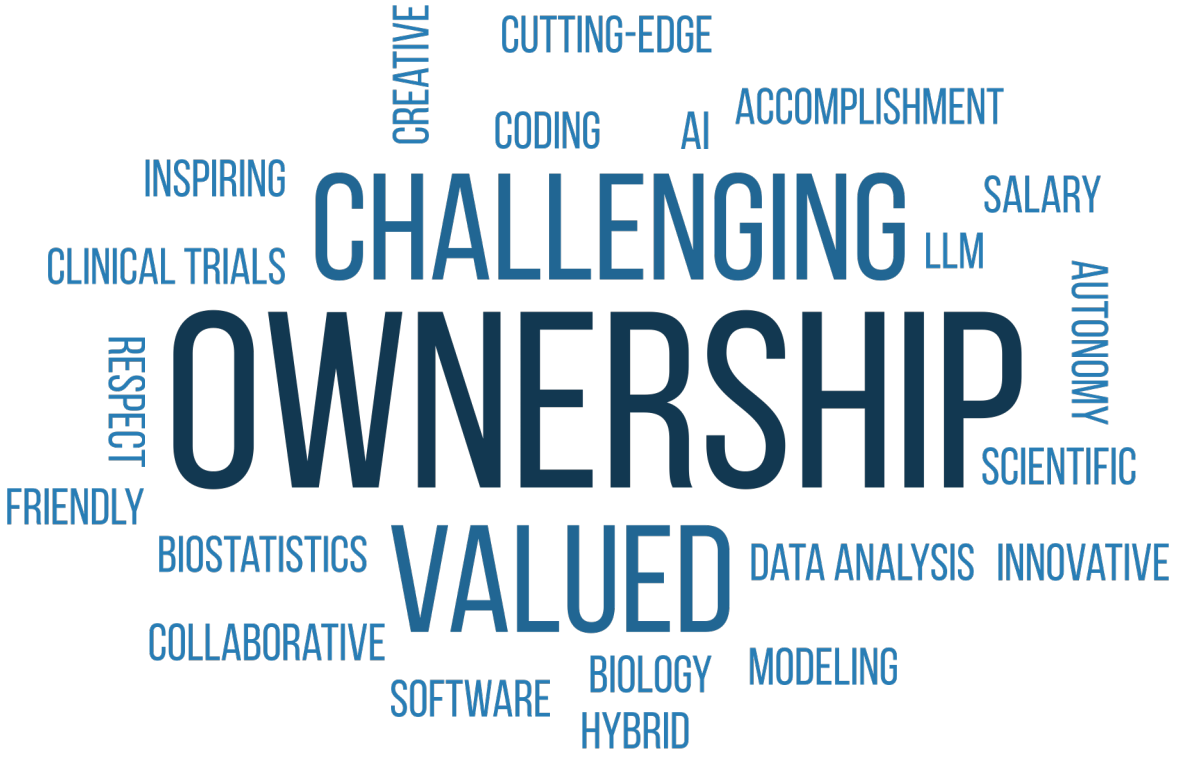
Why Keep Coding?

1. It's creative.
2. It feels good to make something cool!
3. It gains you respect.
4. It's hard to tell someone how to analyze a dataset.

My Dream Job

Pivotal Life Sciences

a venture capital firm



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