

An unusual life journey

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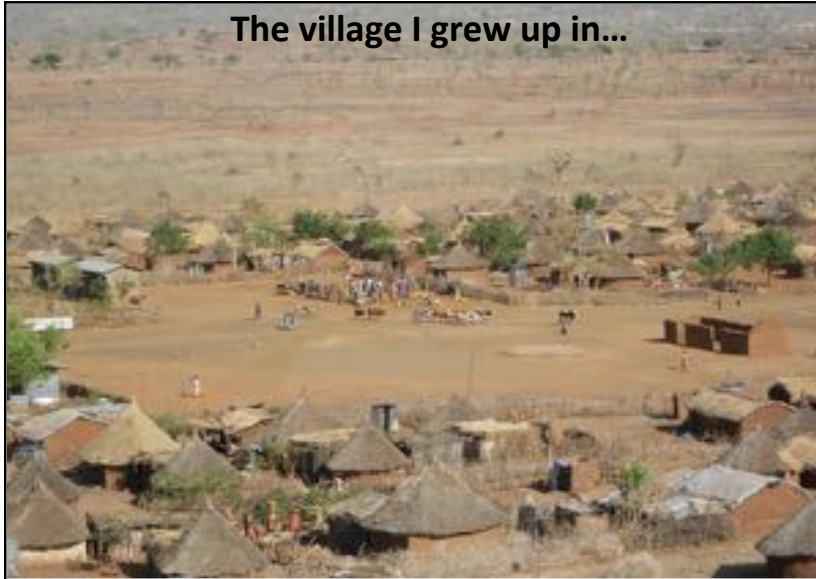
I was born in Somalia somewhere near the border with Ethiopia...



My family were nomads, and it rained the night I was born...



### The village I grew up in...



From a very young age I was expected to help my mother look after the younger kids...



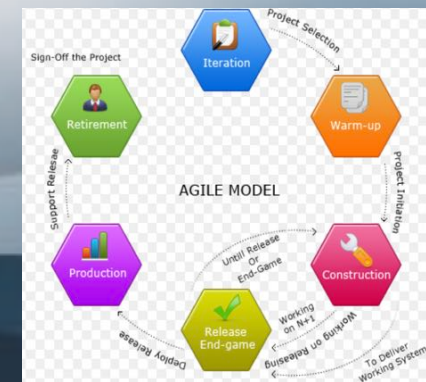
### My first school ...



Basic principles in Software Development were a natural extension of the process I used to memorise the Quran!

### My first school helped me code...

- Get your tools ready
- Use logical, structured process
- Break large problems into small chunks
- Group related things together
- Memory
- Test, pass and graduate!



**Drought drove us from our village**



**Mogadishu as it once was...**



**Somalia descends into civil war...**



**Friends who helped me survive in Kenya...**





**Around the world & back again**

Uni (a dream come true!)			
After uni ...			
...then Europe			
...and back home			

**And now...**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia's leading alternative assets crowdfunding platform, democratising access for investors.</li> <li>• Allows people to invest in start-ups and property.</li> <li>• Over \$20M raised in 40 deals to date (including Jayride).</li> <li>• Recent Thinxtra (IoT) campaign raised \$1.1M.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-commerce marketplace for travellers to compare and book ground passenger transport.</li> <li>• Jayride's largest market in the US, with its head-office in Sydney, Australia.</li> <li>• IPO'd on ASX in January 2018.</li> </ul>
<p>I'm a CEO &amp; Founder of a blockchain start-up that that is currently in stealth mode. ...it's an exciting time!</p>	



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- Balance task and relationships
- Build resilience - 💖 Ambiguity – get comfortable being uncomfortable
- Mindfulness – notice and manage your reactions to situations
- Lean in to your strengths
- Have positive frame of mind

Thank you and any questions

