

The Untold Story of

Debugiano

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“Before we start, is there anything you would like to say first?” asked CBS news correspondent Carol Elliot.

“My name is Debugiano, and I am the long lost brother of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I was separated from my family when I was a tadpole because president Bill Gates Turtle saw that I was developing a Unix shell. They threw me into a puddle next to the pond, which was somehow poisoned with the same radioactive material that mutated the Ninja Turtles. I am calling out to you so we can reunite and fight crime together,” he responded.



Not long after, Debugiano had a secret meeting with the TMNT, though the meeting was not very cheerful as expected...

“You have a Unix shell and you haven’t even coded before, and you want to help us fight crime?”



Michelangelo and the other turtles were skeptical of his abilities as a mutant turtle.

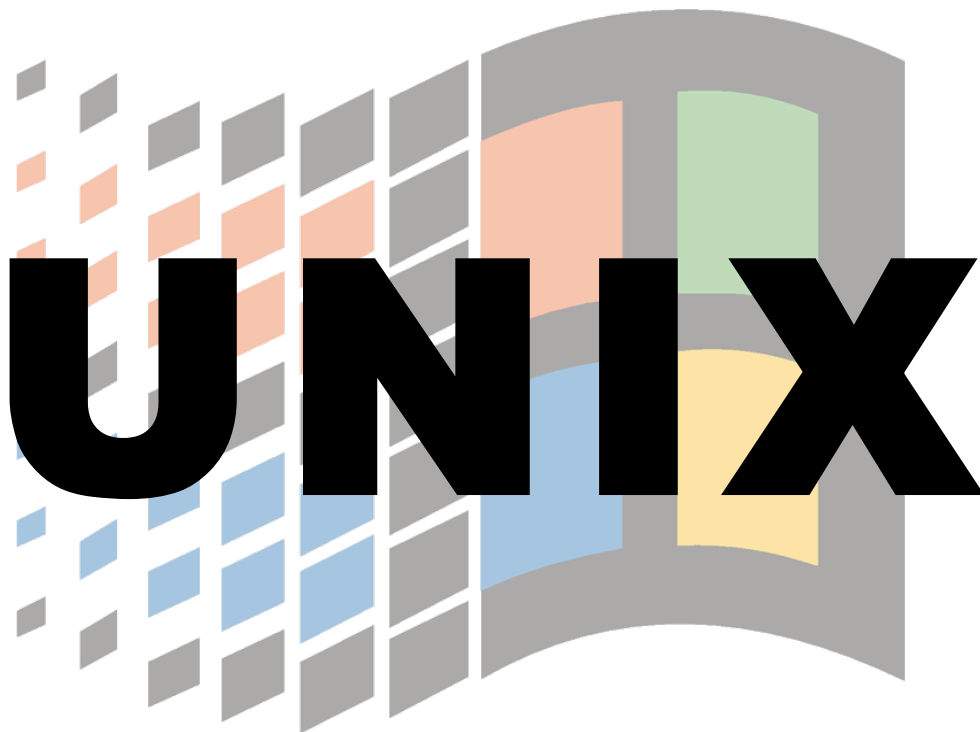


“Okay so I haven’t found my super power yet, but I know it has to do with coding. I just have to practice using my Unix shell.”

Debug has flashbacks of his tadpole childhood:

His father used to tell him about computer science when he got home from work; both his father and grandfather studied and worked in the computer science field, two people he has always looked up to. This is where his desire to utilize his Unix shell and learn how to code stemmed. Debugiano was always mathematically driven, between doing calculations as just a tadpole and studying jazz theory as a mutant turtle.

Debug reassures himself that computer science is the right field for him because of his upbringing and his Unix shell. He won't let the rest of the TMNT bring him down just because they are business majors who love Windows.



So Debugiano begins his schooling at the University of Notre Dame, a prestigious school where even mutant turtles are accepted. He learned from some of the most intelligent turtles in the world, including Professor Bui and Professor Emrich, legendary computer science minds at the time. Debug felt his powers growing everyday. Friends would ask him to help them debug and he would find the problem in a matter of seconds. His own code was so neat and clearly commented that resolving computational problems came extremely easy to him. One day in his junior year his abilities were put to the test: a semester long project and the web-parser does not work hours before the midnight deadline. Debug needed to find the bugs in the script and make sure it output the appropriate data for the rest of the project, and he had to do it quick or else him and his teammates would fail the project.

It was at this moment that Debugiano felt vibrations in his Unix shell. He speedily debugged the script, not for himself, but for his teammates with the power of his shell. He immediately knew that he was ready to join the TMNT.

Two years later...

DOOR KICKS IN!

The TMNT quickly look in shock to see Debugiano standing in the doorway of their secret hideout.

“Listen,” Debugiano demands, “you may not believe in me, but I’m ready to prove myself as a mutant turtle. I’m a hero just like you guys. I want to use my computing and debugging abilities to help people. I want to learn more about computing because I know my Unix shell has a lot more to give. I want to be someone who took his abilities and did what he knew best to better people’s lives for a living. While I am starting as a beginner in this field, I eventually want to lead others in my current situation so that they can help the world the way I want to. You may not respect my Unix shell, but even a couple of business majors can respect me for that.”

Even though their shells were different, Debugiano and the business major TMNT created an alliance to better the world by combining business and computer science. And so ends the story of the origin of Debugiano.