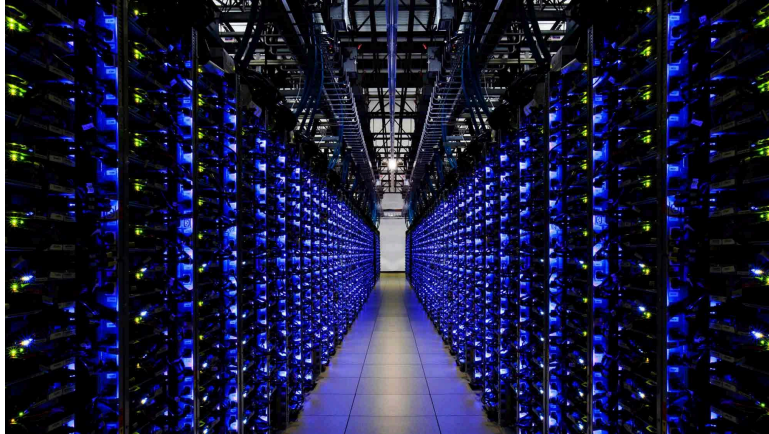# My life as an Aussie IT guy in Sweden

If you would have asked me a year ago, I would never have guessed I would be working in web hosting, let alone in Sweden! It wasn't until my uncle, who now lives there, last Christmas mentioned he was looking to recruit a bunch of junior programmers and site developers to his web hosting company in Stockholm.

A couple of years ago I had considered going to [Stockholm University](#) as an exchange student during the second year of my Bachelor degree in Interaction Design. Unfortunately I waited too long to make up my mind and missed my opportunity. My uncle always said I was welcome to come and stay and possibly work with him in Stockholm, but I thought he was just saying it out of courtesy. So when I had finished my degree and he contacted me about a job opportunity on the opposite side of the world, I didn't really know what to think of it. At first I got a little scared by the thought of dropping everything and making the trip over to Stockholm, but after a week of consideration, I told him I was willing to do it.

So in June I started packing my bags, kissed my family goodbye and went to the Gold Coast airport to embark on my journey early in the morning. It is with a little hesitation I must admit I was feeling homesick the second the plane took off from the airstrip. This would be my first time travelling alone besides a one week trip to New Zealand and Bali. But as the hours passed and after taking a stroll through Changi Airport in Singapore for my stopover, the feeling started to fade and instead I was feeling free and excited about my new adventure.

I got a text from my best friend from [Griffith University](#) who had just woken up. He told me to look out for the White Walkers when I got to Sweden, as we had just gone through a Game of Thrones marathon the night before. One day later I was sitting in my uncle's office in Östermalm, Stockholm. He showed me the ropes and took me out for lunch by the waterfront. Since my first day at his company, [Hosting Sweden](#), I have learned so much and really got to put my programming and UX design skills to good use.

Turns out my uncle has a side project going on where he helps out the webmaster of Stockholm University with maintenance of the school's websites. This was a perfect way into the university life of Stockholm for me and I got to meet a lot of cool people that I hang out with on my spare time. Fortunately Game of Thrones is as popular here as it is back home, so I managed to catch up on the latest season with my friends from the University. To this day I have yet to see a White Walker, but until that day I am going to have an amazing adventure here with my uncle and newfound friends.

Australia can wait a little longer.