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* You were a software engineer before moving to testing. Did that hurt or help your career?

I still consider myself a software engineer. More to say, the headline of my blog (http://automation-beyond.com/) reads: "An engineering approach to Software Testing and Test Automation". I'm aware of modern critiques of technical education, and seems like title "engineer" doesn't sound so proud anymore. But let's stay reminded: "engineer" is derived from the Latin root "ingenium", meaning "cleverness".

I have a solid programming background and I still enjoy coding. However, in testing I use it as one of problem-solving tools in my arsenal. Ability to read and write code is important but not critical.

I think I see in what context you meant "did that hurt". Yes, shaping mindset into a procedure-thinking mode would be rather damaging, and not only for a career in testing. Remember the old anecdote about programmer who was stuck endlessly washing his head because instructions on the shampoo bottle stated: lather; rinse; repeat?

* Personal growth and continuous learning - how important is this in our times?

I certainly consider it extremely important for myself, and I promote it in my family and in my environment.

* Did you adopt testing or did testing adopt you?

By now, I certainly have warmer feelings towards testing, rather than programming. Speaking of adoption, I can't help but note about automation, which is often treated as a result of extramarital affair between testing and programming.

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