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Watching Davin Teo's TEDx talk on digital forensics provided fascinating insight into the unique blend of technology, investigation, and human behavior involved in this career. What stood out most was how digital forensics investigators act as modern-day detectives who uncover hidden digital evidence to solve crimes. Teo's pathway to the career was not a straight line but rather a combination of curiosity, continuous learning, and adapting to evolving technology — traits often emphasized in social science studies about career development and decision-making.

Teo's story reveals the importance of understanding people's behavior and motivations behind cybercrimes, highlighting the role of **social science principles** in digital forensics. Unlike purely technical roles, digital forensic investigators must interpret digital footprints in a social context — understanding why someone might delete files, communicate in certain ways, or attempt to cover their tracks. This requires knowledge of psychology, sociology, and criminology, helping investigators to not just collect data but also construct narratives that explain human behavior.

His career path also reflects **social learning theory**, where Teo gained skills through both formal education and hands-on experiences, including mentorship and learning from mistakes. This experiential learning approach is critical in a field where technology and criminal tactics rapidly change.

Finally, Teo's emphasis on teamwork and communication demonstrates how digital forensics is not done in isolation but requires collaboration with legal teams, law enforcement, and victims, reflecting the social interconnectedness explored in social sciences.

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