Case Study III

My Life with Computers on a Remote Island

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I have spent most of my life in the Torres Strait in Far North Queensland, Australia. There are 17 inhabited islands spread across the strait with populations from less than 30 to several thousand. It is a remote and isolated area.

There were no computers at the school I went to. The first time I used computers was when I enrolled in a teaching course in the city and I learnt to word process my assignments. That was the only application I used.

I started working at the community council on my home island but the community wanted me to have business qualifications, so I went to the Technical and Further Education (TAFE) College on Thursday Island where I learnt Microsoft Office programs: Word, Excel and Access. From there I travelled to another remote community and I learnt how to use the banking machines.
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