Inspiration:

Over the past several years, I have learned a lot outside the classroom. I have a software engineer internship at Axiom Lab (Shanghai) developing education apps for the kids. My boss advocates an equal working environment so even though I was only a high school student, I was always invited to online conferences and meet staff from around the globe. I was greatly inspired by one of the conference on designing kids’ programming courses. There, an Indian colleague pointed out that few kids in India have access to computers. I was shocked because I had this preconception that India provides excellent computer education for kids as the current CEOs of Google, Microsoft, and Adobe were all from India. This has enlightened me to start a free programming learning website because I wanted to provide equal chances for everyone to study programming.

Academic Resources:

While I was developing this website, I found that I have reached my limit on computer science knowledge. I believe the place to best expand this knowledge is at NYUAD where its computer science major guarantee my fundamental knowledge on computer science. Beyond the major itself, NYUAD also allows me to extend and supply my knowledge through its unique courses that offer intriguing teaching techniques and inspiring perspectives. In “Politics of Code”, a class taught by lecturer Pierre Depaz, I get to explore the computer science beyond coding and discover how do we affect the machine neutrality through human biases from variables like race or politic lean. Such courses help me to become a well-rounded individual. It gives me humanitarian visions that shape my perception in addition to firm computer science skills, allowing me to discover the needs of the world from a more sentimental perspective.

Investment Opportunities:

By communicating with an alumnus from NYUAD, I found that the university is a special incubator for those who want to make a real, positive impact in the world. I could cooperate with industrial leader under Venture Launchpad to improve my free programming learning website and make it investment ready. Under startInvest and Beyond the Pitch programs, I take entrepreneurship lessons, cooperate with local industries and seek out local angel investors to support my free programming learning website and other ideas in the future, presenting them to the world.

Diversity and Innovation:

More than the resources NYUAD provides, I feel NYUAD as another womb to breed my ideas. It is a relatively young school settled on this also relatively young city, and because of its youngness, NYUAD embraces some of my ideas that are challenging to traditional concepts. I am looking forward to meeting classmates from NYUAD who have their own sets of beliefs and languages. Together with them as the young bloods of Abu Dhabi, we would work together to dismantle misunderstandings, infuse innovative ideas into the zeitgeist of the 21st century, and solve the growing complexities of the world.

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