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Project Proposal

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One-A-Day: The all Around Artist

For my project, I’ve decided to create a web application that would help its user become a “renaissance man/ woman”. What I mean by this is: the application would encourage its user to make art every day, through a variety of mediums, which in turn would allow them to grow and develop their skills, and to also become a more well rounded artist. This is how the application would work: everyday the user must post a picture of their artwork. (And, if they don’t, the app would be programmed to a send them a reminder at a certain time). This piece could be anything, a quick impromptu sketch, a photograph taken on a phone, a more detailed oil painting or even a sculpture. The only requirement is that it cannot be something old. It would have to be a new art piece from that day. All they would have to do is snap a picture of it, and upload it onto the application. Once the picture was uploaded, the app would ask the user a series of general questions such as, but not limited to: 1) what medium is this? 2) On a scale of 1-10, how good do you feel your piece is? 3) On a scale from 1-10, how much did you enjoy making this piece? 4) On a scale from 1-10, how much do you feel you learned from making this piece? The information gained from the answers to these questions would be stored, and graphs would be made from them. And, through these graphs, the user would be able to see their growth and progress as an artist, and also areas where they could improve. After using the application for a while, the app would begin to identify which mediums the user works in more, and which ones they don’t. And, at that point, it would send the user a notification suggesting a different form of art for them to try. Ultimately, this would help them develop into a more well rounded artist by encouraging them to step out of their comfort zone, and try new mediums.

This application would be for anyone who is interested in furthering their skills as an artist, and it would be available via a cell phone as an app, as well as on a desktop/ laptop. I would like this app to be an enjoyable experience for its users. It’s fun to be able to see a compilation of your work, along with your progress and improvement over time! However, I would also hope this app would serve as a time for self-reflection. And, even though there might be some difficult low days, the user would hopefully to be able to push through and see their progress on their way to their end goal. I also think it would also be interesting for the users to be able to create accounts, so their work and process could be shared with others.