About Me Assignment

My name is Syed Abdullah Ahmed, and I'm a Computer Science student at York University who's passionate about using technology to solve real problems. I've always been the kind of person who enjoys figuring things out, whether that's fixing a bug in code or finding a way to make something more efficient. For me, computer science isn't just about writing programs, it's about understanding how things work and how they can be improved.

I grew up with a curious mind. As a kid, I'd take apart old gadgets just to see what was inside, and later, I'd spend hours experimenting with HTML and Scratch. One of my earliest projects was a simple 2D Mario game, and that's really what started everything. That small project made me realize how creativity and logic could come together to make something real. Since then, I've been hooked on building and learning.

A few years ago, I co-founded a non-profit platform called Rozgari, which helped daily-wage workers find jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Seeing how hard it was for people in my community to find work motivated me to do something about it. I built the website using HTML, CSS, and JS, and we managed to raise funds and connect dozens of workers to stable jobs. It was the first time I saw how my technical skills could actually make a difference in someone's life. That experience really shaped how I see technology, not just as code, but as a tool for change.

From my SWOT analysis, one of my biggest strengths is critical thinking and problem-solving. I like breaking big challenges into smaller, manageable steps. During my internship, this helped me plan sprints efficiently and spot issues early when improving backend systems. I've also developed strong communication skills, both at work and through my role in the MSA Club, where I've learned that being clear and intentional makes teamwork smoother. At the same

time, I recognize I tend to overthink because I want everything to be perfect. To work on that, I've set SMART goals focused on improving time management, balancing detail with efficiency, and building more confidence and clarity in how I present my ideas.

My values play a big role in who I am. I believe in empathy, honesty, and consistency. Through my experiences teaching underprivileged students with the Care Foundation, I realized how important it is to give back and stay grounded. It reminded me that no matter how much I learn or achieve, what really matters is using that knowledge to help others. That's also why I value teamwork. It brings out the best in people when everyone supports and learns from each other.

When it comes to learning, I've realized I'm a hands-on learner. I understand best by doing, experimenting, making mistakes, and figuring out what works. In the workplace, that means I take initiative. I like trying out solutions first, then getting feedback to refine them. That's what helped me grow during my internships. I didn't just wait to be told what to do; I explored, tested, and learned from experience.

For my artifact, I've chosen the Mario game I made in middle school. It might seem small, but for me, it represents where everything began. My curiosity, creativity, and drive to make things from scratch. It reminds me that even big goals start with something small, and that passion and persistence can take you far.

In the end, my story is about growth. From experimenting with code as a kid, to co-founding a non-profit, to working on real software projects today. Each experience has taught me something new about patience, problem-solving, and purpose. I'm still learning every day, but I know one thing for sure, I want to keep using what I know to build things that help people and make a real difference. "*The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do*" - Steve Jobs.