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I'd say I'm much more of a reader than a writer, and frankly, I'm disappointed about that. Maybe that's because I'm burnt out after college apps / AP tests where I had to think about what others wanted to hear and follow a semi-strict format, instead of writing what I wanted to write. The most natural style of writing is my inner monologue, especially when I'm writing comments in my code. There'll be questions and short snips, and I like doing that because it feels more personal. It leaves a part of me inside of it rather than it just being some obscure computer program. Other than that, I think that my writing doesn't have a voice.

While I'd say I was pretty good at "academic" writing back in high school, it never really felt like I was just writing. I desire the feeling of writing down my thoughts, where it feels like the reader is going to get to know me as a person. That's the kind of writing I enjoy. The kind of writing that doesn't follow conventional rules, and is rather more personable. I want my writing to be a reflection of me, like a hologram or a phone call.

Now the majority of my writing consists of text messages, and coding, not sure if that counts or not. According to PACT, I "am" writing my code with a purpose, my audience being the users, within the context of a project / my interests, and yeah code is textual so I'm hoping that makes me a writer. Now that I think about it, writing anything does have a certain depth to it, which is why I'm partially disappointed in myself for not writing more. It feels like I'm missing out on an integral part of the human experience.

I value writing skills in today's world, mostly because of what Genai is allowing us students to do. I dislike how it's being used to "complete" things. It has always struck me the wrong way, because I take pride in the work that I do, so using something else and calling it mine just feels paradoxical. Additionally, it all sounds the same. There's no personality. There was this

critique I saw, where Apple is using AI to summarize text messages, and they are also using AI to write text messages, you can give it a summary of what you want it to say and it generate it. What does this mean? The future is going to consist of us writing bullet points and reading bullet points and there's going to be bland and verbose text as the middle man. It's disturbing. I want to take pride in the things I write, being able to say that these words came from my head, unassisted, these words are a snapshot of myself in time.

I tried to start a blog a couple of months back, it's on my website (www.suri.codes if you're interested in checking it out). I was excited to write about some of the things I was working on and got one blog post successfully made but that was the end of that. As school, research, and work just started piling up, I lost interest, and motivation, to keep working on the blog. I'm hoping that this class helps me flex my muscles enough, and reignites the spark so I can at least get a couple more posts up on my blog.