

## # Design Log 1

### ## Self Introduction

I'm a first-year college student attending via the Running Start program as a junior in high school. I

enjoy the college experience, though I have a terrible case of procrastination.

Personally, I enjoy a multitude of things like,

- Learning Guitar
- Going to the gym
- Skateboarding
- Scrolling (mostly)

Professionally, I aspire to work in IT, though I'm still exploring options. I'm especially considering

database administration. My future beyond Pierce has yet to fully transpire in my mind.

### ## Social Identity

In my mind, social identity is essentially your personal experiences & attributes encapsulated to

reflect how you contribute a unique perspective, understanding, and bias in any context. One example

would be the unique moral bias I carry that stems from my Christian faith as it dictates decision-making,

thought processes, opinions, etc. This makes me a more or less qualified candidate for researching

a topic, say, world religion. This is just one example of how one personal

attribute can impact someone's social identity, and positionality.

### ## Relationship to Technology

My everyday life is surrounded and essentially run on technology. I use to communicate, receive

education, entertainment, and so much more. I've always been highly acquainted and quite tech-savvy from

young age. It's why I aspire for it to be an integral part of my future career. I personally use a

school-provided iPad, digital pen, keyboard, and software like Notability for digital notetaking in class.

I also use word-processors as a way of constructing mediums for assignments in the 21st century.

I have, and am still considering making use of word-processors and writing-technology in my personal life

from thought-organizing to journaling, and everything in-between. However, I'm overwhelmed by the learning

curve of mediums like Notion or Obsidian. This class is inspiring me to make use of non-commercial

plain-text editing. and I hope to refine the skill and subtle programming.

### ## Course Project Brainstorm

Something that really peaks my interest when it comes to bringing about change is social media. I think

it's foundations were strong and sturdy, like early Facebook, Tumblr, Instagram, Youtube, etc. It has since

become a cesspool of algorithms that target individuals, thrive on negativity, push hundreds of ads, and overall

no longer values positive social interaction. In the 21st century, that's integral to the human experience as

we draw away from traditional means of face-to-face interaction and spend large amounts of time consuming digital media. Though not a replacement, if we're going to invest this much time into it, we need to keep it a positive experience.

I believe to bring this change about we would have to dismantle the current major platforms and redesign, or create anew entirely. Using basic, but adaptive algorithms that cater to the user and interests, but do not prey on the user or feed on negativity. In essence, simplified to it's roots. Perhaps there are better ways of going about monetization as well, though I'm unsure at this time of writing. Many other factors need to be considered as well.