

Learning Narrative

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My first mistake I would like to share was around a year ago. It was the finals of the first term at NSCC IT course. And as a student, I was busy finishing all final projects. They were not the most difficult task, but they all asked for a large time commitment. I was routinely working on a project over midnight and went to unfinished, but steadily making progress until it crashed and burnt. The laptop would not run more than a minute after boot up and showed a blue screen for Windows crashing. I immediately went to the BIOS and tried the safe mode to see if there was any solution. Luckily, safe mode still worked, but I found out the hard drive got corrupted. I had no choice but to wipe out the portion I used for storage and reinstall Windows I have saved on a separate hard drive portion. It took a full day just to reinstall the installation version I had was pretty outdated and needed a long list of Windows updates, but that was not the worse part. I have realized that I forgot to backup my project before formatting and was had to start from the very beginning. I used to think no one would be so careless to not push their projects on GitHub regularly, and I turned out to be that person. Knowing there is no way I could finish the project in time, I just gave up and just focused on the group project to avoid becoming a dead weight to other team members. I still passed the course, but I remember avoiding my instructors for the first month. I was too embarrassed to explain why I did not deliver any final projects and just vanished.

It was a simple mistake that should have been avoided. I could just tell myself "don't make this mistake again and push it up on GitHub", and I mean, I really should and I do now. However, I asked myself why I let this happen, to begin with, and there were several traits of myself from letting this happen. First, I never prepare for the worse case scenario. I always shrug it off at how unlikely it is to happen and often gets overconfident at myself of overcoming the disaster. Instructors and my friends have advised me numerous time to push everything up on GitHub. I just considered it as a waste of development time. Secondly, I was careless with my belongings. I often end up overusing the battery and find it completely dead in my bag by the time I get back home. This likely caused the hard drive to get corrupted from all those forced power off from low battery. Lastly, easily giving up without seeking for any help. I should not have completely given up on my projects and still finish a portion of the project. I could have handed in unfinished and still get graded for it. And knowing my instructors, they would have likely given me a chance to work on it during the winter break. If I only explained myself and asked for a help, I know they were definitely

willing to help, but I just gave up as soon as I hit a problem. This my biggest problem I need to fix and I still find myself making the same mistake. I am at least aware of this now and try to correct myself from easily giving up.

I have many regrets from my high school, but the one that I am most ashamed of is how I treated my cousin. My cousin was seen as an awkward kid amongst other students and often left alone. He was very happy when he heard I would be joining his school and I was too. We always played games together when we met before and we were looking forward to that, but I never follow up on that promise. I spent most of my time with my dormitory friends and only visited my cousin a couple of times. We never became a close friend we had hoped for and it was due to my fault. I still do not like to think of a reason, but I think I was afraid of getting associated with a student that was considered awkward from others. Nowadays, I only get news about my cousin through my aunt and my regret has gotten even worse when I heard he is not liking his University life either. This is one of many incidents I get disgusted with myself. I guess my lesson could be simple as not being such a coward, but I think my selfishness is the bigger cause for my behavior. I guess being aware of my selfishness is a first step, but I still do not have the courage to act upon it.