

# Lab 2 Compsci 280

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## **1 How did you go about completing each task and how does each solution work?**

The first task was quite straightforward - the tests were simple to implement as they were just `assertEqual` to values that are known (for example, it is very easy to validate an add function and the Fibonacci test case was basically given. It also took a little bit of time to figure out how to make the Fibonacci function return the right value, but as the `assertEqual` showed us what the outcome was versus the expected one ( $8 \neq 5$ ), from there it was easy to figure out what to do, it just took more time figuring out how the Fibonacci function actually worked.

The second task required a little bit more work as honestly, I didn't (and still kind of don't) really know how to convert between bases and it took a lot of googling to try and figure out what the actual outcome would be if I put in a test case. The third task took even more time as I had to make a new class but I think it works ok - it checks that the error message and info message is the same as what it is built in to be with a message passed into the function.

I don't really understand what you mean by how the solutions work - all of the tests were built in and just check a case with an example. The third task has a class which assigns a message and then checks if the message was an error/info message and if it came out properly according to the example string.

## **2 What difficulties did you face while attempting these tasks?**

It took a little while to understand what they meant by a test case - I thought that maybe it had to be less specific but the first two tasks were quite easy. The third one took a little longer to understand what was going on but it worked out okay in the end.

## **3 What did you learn from the tasks?**

I learned how to write unit test cases and what they actually are, and how they can be used to fix errors in specific sections of your code.

#### **4 How do you think this lab will help you in understanding software development?**

This lab taught me how to write the test cases first and then write/fix the code later. It also reinforced the importance of unit testing and how to actually implement that in real examples.