To be honest I’m not that well educated, formally anyway. I have a whole giant bookshelf of books that I read to learn whatever I can, and it ranges from ancient history, to philosophy, psychology, business, trading, novels, manancial books, and now… web development and programming books. I never found my dream job or my true calling. I came into this bootcamp because I have wanted to entrepreneur for a long time and I even have a business based online.

It’s a Wordpress based site and it didn’t take me long to realize that Wordpress is a big ugly monster filled with fat bloated programs. As I remember it Wordpress faults that you’ll never have to use or know programming. Nothing could be further from the truth and to make a long story short… programming is totally required. Especially if you have something new or entrepreneurial. Which brings me as to why I am at the Rutgers Programming boot camp, I found out that I love to create, and programming is now my chosen medium.

At this moment in time I am a Boiler Operator which has taught me patience and a lot of knowledge about electricity and mechanical knowledge. However it isn’t knowledge that I can take and use. It’s knowledge that I can only use to direct people, and when it is used it is used minimally. It doesn’t allow one to create anything, and many people get by and even excel in the industry without knowing a single thing. I essentially have Homer Simpson’s job, no lie.

I also noticed that I am apart of industry, the Power and Heating Industry that has an aging infrastructure, and set for a probable revolution in how everything is done. I am both driven with the fear that the ground might fall from under me and my career will disappear, or that I will eventually stagnate and live unhappily. However, there is also the positive drive my curiosity to create something new and something useful that people can use.

My biggest problem is that I have too many interests, and not enough time and resources to manage them. One of my hobbies is working out and I don’t exactly love doing it, but it’s the results. It’s not looking great that I love about it, it’s feeling you get from it. Like you can do anything. Most exercises I disliked doing, however there are few I like doing, and one that stands out is climbing.

I didn’t to climb much outdoors, but I loved climbing indoors. Everything from bouldering to top roping my friends and I were there 4 days a week. I thought that climbers were probably a bunch of Stallone types (like Cilffhanger), but it turned out that there was a rich social community that helped each other climb the tough routes and solve the tougher problems. I learned there that you can stick it out as long as you put your mind to it, and it’s easier to stick it out when you have people behind you. I noticed that programming has some of the same qualities.

My initial thought to programming is that they were a bunch of loners that spend all day in the basement typing away. To my surprise, this class and boot camp has been the most engaging and social learning experiences that I have ever have. And though it is tough, really tough I can’t wait to see what it bring to me and what I can give back.