

## Mentorship Library Example

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**Tags:** Baking, Reading, Diving, Gymnastics, Greek Life

**My Story:** I took my first computer science class when I was 12. It was mostly an accident; computer science was the only science course available at my school that fit into my schedule. My first project in class was to create the game Pong (instructions on how to play a game like the one I made on your computer below) using the Java programming language. Although I liked making games, solving puzzles and figuring out how to make my code work, and I really enjoyed the visual part

of programming, I wasn't sure that computer science was the thing for me.

When I started college, I thought that I wanted to be a medical doctor. However, I quickly realized that I was rather squeamish around blood. Thinking back to the courses I had enjoyed previously, I remembered computer science. After taking a few more computer science classes, I discovered that with hard work, persistence, and good study partners, I was really enjoying my studies. While I was in school, I interned at [IBM](#) in Austin, TX, was a teaching assistant, and conducted [research](#).

Today, I use my computer science skills to understand and communicate with all types of people as a Staff Writer for the University of Maryland Department of Computer Science (I write articles about what professors are researching and on the cool things that students at the university are building).

### About Me

I love to [bake and decorate](#) cakes. When I was in high school and college I was a springboard diver and I also did a little bit of trampoline and gymnastics. I joined a sorority while I was in college, and I got a lot of practice crafting, which is now one of my favorite hobbies. I am currently working on making a t-shirt quilt, and I love to do quilling, scrapbooking, collaging, and painting of various objects.

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### Want to play a Pong game like the one I made in my first computer science class?

If you have a mac computer, click the search button (the magnifying glass in the top right corner) and type in "Terminal".

Click on the "Terminal".

Type the following into the terminal: `emacs -q --no-splash -f pong`

Press enter.

Have fun playing pong 😊

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[video]

Interview questions attached on separate document.