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Blog entries

An enterprising escape!

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While I have been studying at Newcastle I have been learning how to be independent but most parts of personal enterprising have been improved in this module. I feel as if my creativity has been improved, also the fact that I can solve problems easier and using what I have learnt, not google. This has helped me be more independent when working whilst also allowing me to be more adaptive as I can realise if a theory of doing something might not work. This can be seen in my website for CSC1026 as there were several things which didn't work when being made and I had to find another way to format the page properly. Furthermore, the creative aspect was easier as I have a better aspect on how I am making the second website after making the first. This will allow my website to be more interesting and engaging with an audience and my target group. Overall, I feel as if I am better equipped now to do tasks that will be featured next year, for example making an app.

The programming professional!

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After the first term I thought my programming skills could have been better. The start was hard for me as I have never done coding before in my life and it was a big shock to the system when presented with certain challenges. Nearing the end of this term I can confidently say that my programming knowledge has improved drastically. I feel like this is because I have been taking better notes in lectures and allowing myself to fix problems instead of calling demonstrators. This has been extremely helpful for the project in CSC1022 as I can look at what the spec is telling me to do and have a clearer view of how to do it when coding. I seem to also find myself with less errors which included basic mistakes e.g. brackets or semicolons. This has allowed coding to be a lot less stressful as I must face less errors and when something does break I know it's most probably something bigger than a bracket. Overall the fact that programming is becoming less of a chore and I can enjoy making systems with a better knowledge of java.

Communications Key!

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When joining computer science, I thought the interaction would be at a premium, however throughout this year I have learnt that it is very important in all sides of the course. I felt as if I was already fairly good at communicating to people, but I have further developed this throughout semester two. The best example of this was in the group video that we created, this is because throughout the entire process there were clever ideas which needed to be finalised on. The best way we thought of doing this was to have a democratic vote on which idea we should use, I felt this was the best way as then it allowed everyone to have a say and eliminates a stronger presence deciding everything. Another way communication has helped me this semester was with the demonstrators in practical classes. This is because now I feel as if I can talk to them more about the problems I have allowing me to understand their response better and give rebuttals. This has let me learn quicker.

Planning to victory!

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I feel like have Improved drastically planning and organisation in my first year and university. The main thing which I have learned is how to set goals and plan when there is a big task in front of you. A notable example of this is the project for CSC1022, the way I set about tackling the task was to set goals of things that need to be completed first. This would allow me to have several targets which will be increasing in difficulty instead of trying to do the whole project in one. This also allows for me to target general progression and I can give a better estimation for how the long it will take for me to finish. Another thing that I have learnt is look at the pros and cons for doing certain options. This still needs to be improved but I feel as if I am better at weighing up different options when looking at task. A good example of this was the video made for our group project. We had two ideas one being us news reporters or a white board style video where we draw and talk over the top over the video. We decided with news reporters as we could explain better with more interesting visuals, also including the group better. Overall, I feel like planning is one of the most important things to learn in university and is useful when done properly.
