

Growing up, I was captivated by my mother's profession as a programmer. The power and possibilities that came with understanding and operating computers intrigued me. Ambitious and interested in the field, I entered my first college-level course during the Summer of my Sophomore year in high school. The beginning of the course felt like a breeze, as my confidence peaked, and I was ready for any challenge that came my way. Then came the first exam; The hardest exam I had ever experienced, and certainly the worst exam I had ever performed on. My own confidence had gotten the best of me, leaving me ignorant of the new setting I was in. Exams were not like what I was used to in high school, and my ignorance to adapt left me with an uphill battle for the rest of the semester. Rather than accepting my likely failing grade after this exam, I persevered and used that experience to identify and improve upon weaknesses in my own habits that led to that result. My scores improved on each subsequent exam, and I was able to conclude the semester with a grade I could be proud of. Through this experience, I was able to learn the value of adaptability and acting from a place of integrity.

The first quality I learned the value of was adaptability. Adaptability is especially integral in the technology field. Advancing in any field involves unforeseen challenges, and being able to navigate these challenges and adapt to new environments is very valuable. By being adaptable, I can stay ambitious, with confidence that whatever new frameworks or languages I work with, I will learn and adapt my own work or programming habits to excel. As a programmer, this quality prepares me to respond to any obstacles or new technologies I may face and persevere with new or challenging tasks.

Another quality I developed from this experience was acting from a place of integrity. To me, this quality entails understanding your own capabilities deep-down, and acting out of understanding what you are capable of. Acting from a place of integrity defeats any inner thoughts of fraudulence and gives me confidence in everything I put out. I know that what I showcase through my projects and work as a programmer reflects my capabilities, and I work on developing a strong understanding before putting my efforts forward. With this quality, I feel ready to take on whatever challenges or new experience that may come my way in my career as a programmer. Every challenging project or programming concept I overcome as a student in this field has come from a deep-down understanding of what I have faced along the way.

In the end, my personal perspective on work revolves around adaptability and acting from a place of integrity. These two qualities have supplemented my success as a student and will continue to be a part of my professional career as a programmer. I am well prepared to face any challenges that may come my way and adapt to new obstacles along the way. My commitment to acting from a place of integrity ensures that what I put forward is of my best efforts, and supplemented with a deep understanding of what I am trying to accomplish. With these qualities, I am confident that I will be an effective programmer, and a meaningful contributor to any team I am a part of.