**CSE 310—Applied Programming**

**W09 Prove – Soft Skills - Practice**

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After watching the video “The First 20 Hours – How to Learn Anything”, ponder and then answer the following two questions (minimum 100 words for each question).

Question 1 – What does it mean to learn enough to self-correct when learning software technologies? Consider what ways you might be practicing software incorrectly. How can you change your approach?

I believe that to learn enough to self-correct means that one knows enough about something that they can correct mistakes they make and learn from these mistakes in order to avoid making them in the future. One way that I’m incorrectly practicing self-correction when it comes to software is that when I cannot get my code to work and start struggling a lot with it, I will scrap it and start over writing it. Another way that I am using self-correction wrong is that when it comes to code, I sometimes have difficulties understanding where I went wrong making it hard to learn from my mistakes. The best solution I can come up with to fix and change these two issues is simply to learn more about coding , its flow, and how it works, so that I now ways to correct simple mistakes with my code without needing to start over and learn why it did not originally work.

Question 2 – What barriers are in your way to prevent practicing consistently (our class requires 24 hours every two weeks)? What can you do to remove some of those barriers?

Some barriers I have identified that can and have prevented me from practicing consistently include distractions caused be things in day-to-day life, lack of motivation, issues caused by emotional problems in my life, and interruptions caused by essential things that I need to do in each day such work and hygiene. In my opinion, not all of these barriers can be removed but of the ones that can some of things I can do to take them down are to go somewhere I can focus free of distractions and temptations, pushing myself to work harder, and looking for things or methods that will bring calm and ease to my life.