

Starting the semester in 252 I had no clue what the class was, I just knew I had to take it. On the first day I got a little bit intimidated because I didn't know anything about programming and felt like everyone did. I felt like I was going to have to work extra hard in this class just to pull off maybe a B. I had a feeling it wasn't going to come easily to me. As the class went on and I found out we weren't being graded some pressure was taken off, but a whole new dimension was added. Now I had to do work that by MY standards was worth a good grade. I am an organized student, like to think I am timely and efficient also, and I rarely let anything fall through the cracks. With this considered I didn't see why I should let any of my 252 work be affected by a lack of a grade.

Throughout this semester I have worked very hard on the labs and building programs trying to do it in a timely manner. I always did the work with my teammate, another novice programmer, and worked well with her. We always had our projects posted on time in the format they were supposed to be, and we were always proud of our final product. I only missed one class this semester and feel like I participated when I was in class. I attended the extra help sessions and put in the effort to get my work done. I followed the direction to not study for the exams, which is probably why I didn't do very well on them, but to be honest I do not think that they reflected what I learned in this class.

This class taught me not how to write code right off of the top of my head, but what it is like to be a programmer and using different resources to accomplish your final goal. It taught me how to write a program so that it reflects what the "customer" wants, and it taught me a lot about working with others. I am not saying I didn't learn anything about code, because I did, but I am saying that I got more out of this class than just knowing how to write a program. One thing I wish I learned better was how to save my work correctly in visual basic. It caused some turbulence in our projects a couple of times but we worked through it.

For my semester grade I am asking for an A-. I would like this grade because I feel like I put a lot of effort into my work this semester and I think that my partner and I produced quality work. I don't think this grade adversely affect people competing with me because I think that other things should be taken into account when creating a grade. I do not think people who are great programmers should get an A just because they are good at it. I think the attitude, the effort, and the quality of work should also be factored in. This grade means to me that the effort that I put in both inside and outside of class paid off and was recognized to be a great effort to be a programmer, and professional.