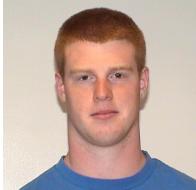


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Hours: 14	Programming XP: Yes	Job: n/a
Courses: ISAT 351 ISAT 321 ISAT 331 ISAT 303 ISAT 491		Why: I really want to learn how to program decently. I have been interested in it for a long time, just never had the opportunity
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I could live without one, however, I think that since pretty much the rest of the world is connected via internet, if you want to stay connected with news, information, and people, you have to have one. My computer has only messed up once (MacBook's for the win) and I just repaired the disk permissions and that was that. I feel as if it will take me a long time and a lot of outside time to grasp the language. Not procrastinating, even as a Junior, I do that for every class I take.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>Hopefully doing the biotechnology helping move forward the alt energy scene It is necessary for anything anyone does now a days even in a lab setting.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Snowboarding, I do get tired after about 6 hours but it doesn't matter because i'm having a blast 5 free minutes- facebook / 5 free hours- snowboard (if possible), study/do homework / 5 free days- maybe go on an extended camping trip, or back home for a short period of time / 5 weeks- travel (if financial circumstances allow) / Straight textbook Biology. Even though I am a Biotech/Environment concentration within ISAT, I love straight up biology ISAT 253- I had heard horror stories about Dr. H but after a week or two in the class I started loving it, and I learned so much. Her style of teaching just made me focus because she went so fast that if I didn't pay attention I would miss tons of material. Oceanography- Interesting material, boring teacher, one day a week. Bad choices</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
n/a		
<b>Strengths</b>		
Snowboarding and working music computer software, like Reason and Logic		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
Physics. / and / I want to learn how to program, maybe not amazingly well, but decently		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
limited information on ppt, and more free roam discussion type class		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
n/a		

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I may try to get one at school. i work over the summer at home in new york.
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253	Why:	Im trying to decide which concentrations to go into.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
Love em. And ill play with them til I get it to work how ever long it takes I think I can be good at it if I put in some time, i'm not sure though. For some reason it wont load anything under syalbus, im using an android so it could be that i'm not sure		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
Im trying to figure that out right now Im not sure I can see myself getting into it though		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
Video games or setting up electronics I usually will try to get something done in 5 mind. 5 hours I might play video games and work out. 5 days I relax 5 months id go nuts / History because I find it interesting Manufacturing. Because I realized I always wanted to know information like that. Enviroment. Im not sure, wasn't what I expected it to be like		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
Very little I just know the basis of how it works		
<b>Strengths</b>		
Baseball and football. I also know a good amount about computer hardware and electronics		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
Writing mostly. I have a desire to work on my communication skills though.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
Lecture style works for me but I like it to be interactive too.		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
Im just curious be wise I've never taken a class like this before even though I've had slight intrests in programming.		

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Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job: no
Courses: ghist 225 isat 252 isat 321 isat 131 isat 152	Why: want to learn more about programming	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
i feel like they are necessary evil. i personally am not too good with them but must use them to get by and succeed. i hope good but not too sure problem solving		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
living in a rural place doing a hands on job that i love. i see them aiding me in everything i do in the future.		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
Call of Duty i would spend them relaxing with friends and family. math, it interests me and i like definite answers. psychology, and because it was cool how much i didnt know. isat 231 bc it was boring		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
im good at sports like soccer and football.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
i struggle with thinking outside the box		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
hands on		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
n/a		

	Name: <b>Dempsey, James</b> <a href="mailto:dempsejw@dukes.jmu.edu">dempsejw@dukes.jmu.edu</a> 106808526	Major: ISAT 2013
Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Yes, Festival Building Manager, 25
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 ISAT 113 GSOCI 110		Why: It is required but programming is something that I have always been interested in but didn't know where to start with it. I hope this will provide me with a foundation for the future
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I really like them. I use a mac and I love what I can do with it. It is definitely one of my prize possessions. It almost never malfunctions, but when it does I just restart it I really have no idea. I don't know what goes into it so I cannot give an answer. I do love messing around on my computer so I think I will enjoy it I noticed there is a hacking session on Monday nights and this sounds fascinating. I saw the Social Network about the making of Facebook and it I could learn to do things like that. The entire idea of building software baffles me and I would really like to learn the basics of how that is done		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
I want to start a career in sustainable architecture. After that long I would love to have a family and be living either in New York, Denver or Ireland Yes, designing buildings and homes		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
I like to cook, fish, and play any sport outside. I also really like to build things and do woodworking but I am not that great at it 5 min- reading / 5 hours- hanging out with my suite mates / 5 days- sleeping, fishing and with friends / 5 weeks- road trip Psychology was definitely my favorite. The prof I had was awesome and made the subject really interesting. I like art as well Psychology and English. I took them both as gen eds but they ended up being two of my favorites. I also fell in love with GISAT 112 when I didn't think I would enjoy it too much Music. I thought it would be very interesting but we ended up studying music from other cultures that was in a different scales so I hated the way it sounded		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
Cooking, folding shirts, quick repairs, quick ideas, anything related to camping		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
I struggle with keeping focus if I do not find a subject interesting right away. This makes it harder for me to learn things I do not enjoy. This is something I would really like to improve on.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
Interactive and lots of hand on learning		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
I suffer with seasonal depression. This has only affected me during the fall semesters in the past but I have been advised to notify all of my professors ahead of time.		

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Hours: 18	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Yes, I work remotely from school on my own schedule
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 GISAT 113 GMUS 203 ISAT 131		Why: I am taking this class to hopefully obtain knowledge that will help me write programs that I will be able to use in my job.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I like to use computers, i feel like they make life a lot easier. When a computer malfunctions, i must figure out how to fix the problem before I can sleep at night. I should be pretty good. If there is anything I have trouble with, I will always find the answer. all of them since I really do not have much programing experience.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>As of now, I am planning on becoming a money manager for a small investment management firm. I hope to be able to use computers to help me analyze the performance of investments that will assist me in making asset allocation decisions. Computers run the world now, so I will be using them for everything.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Running, and studying at ECL I spend a lot of my free time working out. / 5 minutes: eat a snack / 5 Hours: run and hangout with friends / 5 days: start a constructive project / 5 weeks: train for an event / So far I have enjoyed taking math. I like solving problems, and working through math problems helps develop those skills. GKIN 100: I thought it would be useless like the rest of the Gen eds. But I had a great instructor and the class was a lot of fun! My engineering design classes I thought would be great but they were the two worst classes I had ever taken. The classes were so poorly run, so nothing useful got accomplished.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<p>I use excel a lot for my job. So far excel has been great, but I would like to learn how macros are made.</p>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am good with my hands, math, and I can run pretty far.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>reading and writing. I have the most room to improve with writing, and the most desire to improve the tech skills.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Hands on learning. I honestly will have a very hard time paying attention if there is a lecture with a powerpoint.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I think we are all set. If anything comes up I will let you know!</p>		

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I am an Intramural referee (2-6) and I am looking for a job as a TA
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 GREL 100		Why: It seemed very interesting and I've been wanting to learn how to program for a while now.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I have my A+ credentials in depot repair, and i have slight training in software repair (hence, only credentials). I am comfortable with working on computers, and if it malfunctions I attempt to fix it myself before I call a helpline. With my previous experience with computer technologies and my interest, I think I would do well at it. I would like to improve on all of those. I enjoy thinking with that kind of mindset, and I would like to improve as much as possible.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>In the long run I would like to be working for some company developing more efficient technologies. That could be through energy, manufacturing, etc. / I could also see myself teaching math if that fails. It should be a part of my future no matter what I end up doing. I enjoy working on computers, and I hope to further my knowledge of them seeing as they will play a major role in our future.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I like to tinker with what's around me. For example, I've repaired and modified a nerf gun, cleaned the interior of my computer, origami, and my favorite so far is to re-set the bindings on my snowboard. 5 minutes - dicking around in the hallway / 5 hours - go to the gym, go on a run / 5 days - snowboarding, hiking, some sort of combination of short trips / 5 weeks - get back into Warcraft (I'm a dork) broken up with trips listed above Math, Physics, Engineering / I've enjoyed these kids of classes because I like solving problems with logic and reason. My literary analysis class surprised me. I thought it would be all writing, but we did a tremendous amount of reading and discussion, and I did very well with it. Manufacturing Operations turned out to be a dud this semester. I thought I would learn so much more, but we never got anything done. I enjoyed the material, but we did very little on the material.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I take pride in my natural athletic ability. I don't really excel in any sport to any degree, i'm just very good at most sports I try.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I have a weakness for not always reading the entirety of directions, and I usually catch it after 30 minutes of work.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Interactive and hands on are the best style of classes I can think of.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>Nope, I'm excited to start this class.</p>		

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Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job: no job right now
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 252 ISAT 303 ISAT 311 ISAT 321 ISAT 331 ISAT 491		Why: I dont know what else to say other then it was a requirement that i need to fill. I guess i can also say that i want to understand the basics of programming.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I like computers and i understand how they function most of the time. I like the mac better then the pc. I mostly use it for assignments and media entertainment, movies. When my computer malfunctions i usually get pissed but shut it down, leave it for a while, and then try and figure out what went wrong. I think ill be pretty good at programing because my brain functions very logically. I guess just all of them. i know some of each bullet point but not very much at all so i would like to improve in all of them.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>I see myself having a job (doesn't have to be related to my major, but a job that relates is preferable) I dont want to be stuck behind a desk every day of my job... i want to go out and have hands on experiences. Other then that i am pretty open to life and ill see where it takes me. I feel like computers are going to be a huge part of life no matter what you end up doing. Learning how to program would be fun just because im always curious about how things work.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I like to play video games and that really sucks up a lot of my time. What i could do for hours is lacrosse and racquet ball... i mean eventually ill get physically tired but those are the two most fun things i love to do. If there is a time when i had around a few hours free i might nap or play video games. If i have a few minutes i find myself cleaning or planning. If i had a few days i would relax and catch up with whatever i was feeling stressed about. If i had a few weeks i would probably either get a job or plan a trip to somewhere cool. I liked the gkin course just because i like being active and i like learning about how to be healthy and fit. Im not saying that its helped too much but it was fun. haha I like building things, fixing things, and destroying things. If there was a cool class for that i would be there in an instant. chemistry was a class that i wasnt excited about but i ended up liking. The thing that changed my mind was the labs and it was fun to mix things together. I thought i would like the music courses but the teachers just make it way to complicated for anyone to enjoy. Also math at jmu really was a bummer. I loved math in high school and i was great at it but when i came to jmu I couldn't connect with the material that the teachers were trying to teach. I didn't have good teachers at all.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<p>I actually have had a class in making web pages. we used dream weaver and wrote code for that.</p>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am good at athletics, figuring almost anything out, and i was a skill for managing people. Also i am fairly good at talking to people and portraying my ideas.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I struggle the most with being creative and spontaneous. also people have told me that i try to be the center of attention too much and i have to be able to let other people have the spot light.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I like the class to have a lecture and then let the students figure out how to do what ever it was that you taught.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 14	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Not currently.		
Courses: ISAT 253 ISAT 152 GHIST 101 MUAP 340	Why: I am very interested in the many purposes computers and programs can serve and have no doubt that it will play a large role in my future.			
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>				
<p>I love computers though they often bring up some time-consuming problems. On the other hand, I find fixing those problems myself an interesting challenge. If my computer malfunctions I first try to wade through possible solutions posted online. I like to think I know enough about computers to choose the right method as going to geek squad or staples is not only inconvenient but, in my opinion, usually just a money making scheme. I am a quick learner who is interested in computers so I think I will do just fine. Of course programming but also being able to decide which solution to a problem is the most reasonable.</p>				
<b>Life Plans</b>				
<p>Honestly, I have no idea what I will be doing as a profession I just hope, in the long run, it will be fun and I feel proud doing it. This will somehow include technology and possibly music though maybe not in one job position. There is too much to say here. Not only have they made leaps and bounds in terms of functionality and power, but accessibility to things such as facebook and twitter have already claimed a huge portion of time from my generation. Apart from social technologies, other industrial techs will have to step up to major challenges facing the world such as climate change (energy) and cybersecurity (hackers). With these emerging fields there will be countless opportunities to use computer/programming skills.</p>				
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>				
<p>Listening/singing music has always been a big part of my life. / Soccer to a certain extent. / StumbleUpon 5 minutes in a day - listen to music to relax / 5 hours in a week - listen to music/sleep/soccer / 5 weeks - get a bunch of little things done: start an online radio station, fill out applications for jobs/internships. Would like to travel with friends but that's quite hard as a college student with a nonexistent budget. Music. I took a basic music industry class when I still thought I would be minoring in it however it turned out to be too technical (in legal terms) for my taste. I sing in the JMU Chorale. I wasn't sure what ISAT 231 would entail but I knew Dr. Tang would be an exciting teacher. I ended up loving how each topic we discussed was integrated into virtually every aspect of our lives. I now think I will pursue a STS minor. MUI 221. Instead of the music industry being the middle-ground between music and business, it was essentially a business class about copyrights and contracts regarding musical artists.</p>				
<b>Programming Experience</b>				
<b>Strengths</b>				
<p>I like to think I can figure out a person, as in what he/she likes or acts like around certain people. I can be a very patient person and get along with almost anyone. I have recently been searching for an intelligence agency intern position to "utilize" those skills. / I also think I have good taste in music but who doesn't.</p>				
<b>Places for Improvement</b>				
<p>Public speaking. Don't get me wrong, I can stand up and do a presentation and such but sometimes I feel like I can't express what I'm thinking in the clearest possible way. Other times I feel like I can do that better than others.</p>				
<b>Learning Preference</b>				
<p>I am a visual learner but I also need hands on experience in the form of problems to do myself whether I like it or not.</p>				
<b>Other Concerns</b>				
<p>One thing. I recently took a class where even though I believe most of us pulled through in the end, we were essentially lost for most of the semester. This was because, in my opinion, the teacher couldn't accurately pinpoint what was holding us back and neither could we. I say this in hopes that we can all grasp the basics at the start of the course because I feel that in programming it is essential.</p>				

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Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job:
Courses: gisat 113 isat131 isat 151L Isaat 152 Span 320	Why: Trying to experiment with ISAT. Just declared it as my major. trying to find the sector I want to major in.	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I love computers. I do almost everything on mine. Haven't really had any problems before but, when I have had problems I either looked up the problem online or took it to the mac store and had them fix it. I was pretty good at reading the directions and programming my remote to my tv so, I think i'll be fine. No experience. Should be interesting. Im looking forward to it		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
In 10 years I see myself in a job that I love, living in an apartment in Philadelphia or some other city making a living. In 30 years I hope to have my own company, what ever it may be, and a family. I want to be happy with my life and successful. I hope to eventually find a job that I love. I will measure my success by my overall happiness with my life. I see computers playing a huge role in my future. I haven't learned anything about programming yet so it is hard for me to say weather this will be a big role or not. I believe technology is the way of the future so, computers will definitely play a role. I will use my computer for research, e-mail, calendars, reading the news, and whatever else my job entails.		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
Writing, skiing, and thinking are three activities that make me loose track of time. I've always liked writing and used to write stories as a kid. As a kid I also grew up skiing so it is something that I really love. Another thing that makes me lose track of time is thinking. If I have nothing to do I will lay in my bed and just think. I'll think about everything and anything. 5 minutes = facebook or texting / 5 hours = watching tv, facebook, doing work / 5 days = traveling, working, thinking, writing, hanging out, go to the movies My favorite subjects is Spanish. I love learning another language. I loved the classes because in every spanish class the professor has been really cool and all the kids were friends and enjoyed the class. I try to go into classes with an open mind so this hasn't really happened. The opposite happened before though. I went into GPOSC (government) thinking it'd be interesting and I'd finally learn something about the government. I hated the class by the end of the semester. Every single class was the same, the lectures gave no new knowledge. see above		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
I consider myself a good writer. I'm friendly, caring, outgoing, a people person and very creative. I'm a good friend to everyone and someone that you can rely on.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
Sometimes I'll drop a thought or idea if a group of people don't agree with it. Then I just think "alright their loss." Most of the time I'm right.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
hands on involvement and fun lectures		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
Nothing really. I'm just worried I'm not really prepared for this semester. Is there anything I can do or read up on to try to start off strong?		

	Name: <b>Jackman, Steven</b> <a href="mailto:jackmasw@dukes.jmu.edu">jacksonmasw@dukes.jmu.edu</a> 104320574	Major: ISAT 2012
Hours: 14	Programming XP: Yes	Job:
Courses: ISAT 253 152 151L	Why: Even though it's required I would take this course anyways. Like I said before I really have an interest for this subject and would like it to at least be a concentration in my isat degree. I don't know much but I am going to work my hardest	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I love computers but I don't know as much as I would like to. I feel like I am in the higher moderate stage with computers and I would like to know as much as I can with computers because the technology keeps getting better and better. I will do my best. I wasn't very good at it in high school 8 years ago but I was an idiot in high school. I think I'll catch on quick. And I would love to learn as much as I can in this class Using mathematical concepts to make solutions and solve problems. I have my A.A. degree in mathematics and would like to use what I've learned and improve my understanding of this subject of programming.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>I'm not positive where I would like to be. But possibly working for the DOD or some government contracting to start my career. I want it to be a very big part of my life. I am very interested in computers and programming and would like it to tie into my profession. I really am looking forward to this class and seeing if this is the right direction for me to take</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Do video games count? I can spend hours doing it. Depending on my interest in the subject I can do work for a few hours without worrying about time 5 minutes I would sit or watch sportscenter. 5 hours I would nap have a quiet time or watch a movie. 5 days I would try to plan something for each day like hiking or camping. 5 weeks... if I had money I would travel to new zealand. History. I really like the civil war and the world wars. An English class I took in community college. The teacher was great and made it interesting. I ended up taking her again for a different class Calc 2. I really liked calc 1 so I thought calc 2 would be good but the subject was different and hard and the teacher was terrible.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<p>I took a very basic computer math class my senior year of high school about 8 years ago. I believe we used C++ and did basic programming but I don't remember how to do it</p>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I'm pretty good at wood working. I like to make longboards.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I know near to nothing about programming and feel I know a moderate amount about computers and how they function. I feel there is a lot for me to learn in both of these areas</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I think it depends on the subject. Hard classes with a lot of work I like to have structure and assignments to force me to keep me updated with the subject.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I'm kind of worried that the class might be laid back and that I would fall behind</p>		

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Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job:
Courses: ISAT 212 GISAT 113 GPOSC 225 ISAT 131 ISAT 252 MUAP 348		Why: I want learn about programming and I need a starting point.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I love computers; to me, they're definitely man's best friend right next to dogs. It's kind of weird, but I named my computer Rachel MAC-Adams. Google is usually my first stop when my computer malfunctions, most solutions are readily accessible there and plus it's fun to work out the problems (except when it takes hours and something is due the next day, or printer problems). Hopefully by the end of the class I'll become pretty good and proficient. I think that I would like to improve on all points. It is definitely useful to be able to approach different situations and problems from many different perspectives and also to be able to come up with a reasonable solution.

### Life Plans

In ten years, I see myself possibly working for a defense contractor working with programming. If not that, I definitely see myself in the technology field. Thirty years into the future is kind of far ahead, but hopefully I have a family and a stable job doing something that I love and enjoy. My goal in life is to make a wealthy living and to love/ have fun with what I'm doing. I'm scared of falling into a good job that does not stimulate or fascinate me. Currently, I see computer programming playing a big part in my future whether it is in my job or just for fun. Computers are just going to continue to be integrated into people's everyday life, so I might as well learn their language.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

Paddle sports like tennis and ping pong can make me lose track of time. Enjoying the company of my friends is very important to me, and this does not necessarily mean partying or watching tv. I love music, so I could spend hours playing saxophone or the piano which regularly happens with my free time during break. Also, I enjoy learning new skills and activities. I recently just took up billiards because the idea of controlling solid balls by means of hitting another ball using a stick and imaginary angles is alluring. If I had 5 free mins to kill I would go on the internet and read my favorite technology blog: gizmodo.com. / If I had 5 hours to kill I would play saxophone/ piano and billiards. / If I had 5 days to kill I would hang out with my friends, practice my instruments, read, go on the internet to get more insight into things and I would try to do something physically productive as well. / If I had 5 weeks to kill I would love to travel, read, play music and enjoy the company of others. Last semester I really liked my Humanities class about ancient Greece because I find other cultures fascinating especially advanced ancient cultures. I also enjoyed my writing class because of the freedom I felt in that class; we got to write things that we wanted and we only had a broad prompt to write about. I did not think that I would like my English class about american literature, but I ended up liking it because I got to discover all different styles of writing/reading. I thought I would enjoy the issues of engineering and manufacturing class, but I was really indifferent about it. I think it was just the fact that it was an introduction class so you had to learn about basic terminology and ideas which made me kind of bored.

### Programming Experience

The only experience that I've had with programmaing was my senior year of High School. I took an introduction class to JAVA. It was an interesting class, but learning wise it was a negative experience because my teacher basically tried to do as little teaching as possible. I haven't been in any clubs, but I would like to discover a club that interest me and that I can learn a lot from. I'm also very interested in the idea of learning how to program apps for phones.

### Strengths

I think I have good interpersonal skills and I can create rapport fairly easily. I also think that I'm a fairly quick learner. Lastly, I think I'm pretty good at playing the piano and saxophone, and things that deal with musicianship or music.

### Places for Improvement

I think my Achilles heel is my shyness and that I usually only take from the class but I don't give back. I want to improve in contributing in a classroom setting and hopefully in turn be able to learn more.

**Learning Preference**

My favorite style of class is one that where I am stimulated in class working on an assignment while the teacher helps guides the student towards the goal of completing the assignment.

**Other Concerns**

What kind of programming language will we be learning? Will we also be learning how to programs apps or where I can find how to program apps for phones?

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 ISAT 131 252		<p>Why: I am taking this class because it is part of my major. I believe that I will enjoy taking this class because I enjoy using computers. If this class was not required, I am sure that I would have taking a similar class some time during my college career.</p>
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>Computers are great! They can help accomplish so many things. When my computer malfunctions, I will usually take it to an Apple store so they can fix it for me. I took a programming class in high school, but I do not think I am very good at programming because I have not used it in so many years. Because I have some background in the subject, I will hopefully be able to understand the concepts. I would like to improve on creating and making use of different levels of abstraction. I am used to doing certain things in one particular way.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>In ten years, I want to have a stable job hopefully with the government or something. I believe that in my future will play a large part in my life. I can see myself working with computers for the rest of my life.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>One activity that I never grow tired of is reading books. A class that I really enjoyed taking last semester was Chinese 101. I have always been interested in languages which is probably why it came so easy to me. Although I had studied many languages in the past, I had taken Chinese reluctantly. I had heard that the language is one of the most difficult languages to learn. In the beginning, it seemed like it would be a difficult class. I however, learned to love it. A course that I thought I would love in the beginning was a music class. I thought I would like it because who does not enjoy music. The class turned out to be harder than I thought it was going to be. The concepts of music did not come to me as easily as I thought it would.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<p>In high school, I took a programming class. In that class, we learned to use html and another type of language, that doesn't come to mind. This was over 4 years ago, so I do not remember anything from the class. I did get a B in the class so hopefully I will be able to understand the material easily.</p>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am pretty good at baking. I love trying new recipes. My friends and I always enjoy baking together. I'm probably even better at eating!</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I am particularly bad at being organized. Because I lack organizational skills, I am always forgetting/losing assignments, not properly prepared for classes and so forth. I am trying to fix this this semester, by writing everything down.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I enjoy laid-back classes the most.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 18	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 ghum 200 gkin 100 Gposc 200 lsat 252		Why: I am taking this class because I want to see if I am interested in programming and computer work because I have never really taken a course on it
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I enjoy using computers and I believe they are necessary in modern day life. When a computer malfunctions I normally fix it myself if its a virus or spy ware. I wouldn't be able to fix anything serious though I think I will be good at programming, I've always wanted to do some programming work to see if it interests me. I am applying for an intern where I would need some programming skills and cyber security I would like to improve on my computer skills that would make me knowledgeable on software like Java</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>Currently I am planning on going to Law school if there are not many job available after graduation. In thirty years hopefully I have a job that I enjoy going to that also pays well I see computers playing a big role in my future because I believe technology will always thrive so it is a great field to get into that I am interested in</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I can snowboard all day everyday. I got a seasons pass to Massanutten this year so I can go every night. I can also play sports for hours stopping only when exhausted In five minutes I would probably do something on my phone like go online or play a game. 5 hours i would go to the gym and play basketball or some sport and watch TV. 5 days of free time I would go to Vermont or Canada to snowboard for the week. If i had weeks of free time I would like to make a roadtrip across America or go to Europe. I enjoy taking history because it always interested me. I like learning about the past battles like the Romans but there are not many opportunities for work with a history degree. I also like to dabble in philosophy. I tend to understand the readings and like hearing about the different peoples ideas This year I took a philosophy class and thought I was going to hate it but it really interested me and got me to like the subject even though the teacher was dry. Hearing different philosophers ideas on the world and life like Plato's is interesting. I really have not taken a course at JMU yet that I thought I would love but ended up hating. The classes that I disliked I pretty much knew beforehand that it wasn't going to be the best class</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am good at working with computers, not anything complex but basic things that for some reason other people have trouble with like getting rid of a virus or setting up an internet network. I am also very active in sports and activities like basketball, snowboarding and boxing</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>With alot of my work I tend to procrastinate. I don't do things until the last moment and have to stay up late getting it done or studying before a test.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>i enjoy when the teacher gets the class involved instead of just talking for an hour in the front of the class.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Courses: 152 321 351 491		Why: A knowledge of computers is a must in today's society.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I do not LOVE computers, but I do enjoy them, and I am interested by the possibilities they hold. When my computer malfunctions I try trouble shooting, or turn it off to re-boot, which ever one comes first. I am not sure what programming really is. But I hope I like programming, because computers are here to stay and if I am an inventor I will need the help of a computer to manufacture my inventions, or help with my research for future inventions to better our relations with the planet. Thinking outside the box to solve current and future problems in our global society.		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
I have no idea where I will be in ten to thirty years. I am determined to graduate with a bachelors degree in something from the ISAT program. I really enjoyed my first semester of biotech, but I do have other interests. I am an older student that does enjoy learning new things, and I am fascinated by the world around us and the secrets that it holds. Computers are the future. As an up and coming worker on this planet a knowledge of computers and how they work is a must. Computers can help us preform many tasks, but you have to know what buttons to push to get those tasks accomplished.		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
Wordfeud against my step-children on our droid's. Reading a good book. The science channel. Doing puzzles. Wii. 5 minutes-tidy up something around the house or just sit down and pet my doggie and kitty. / 5 hours-call my parents or do house work. / 5 days-watch movies that I have missed due to school WORK! and play Wii. / 5 weeks-start and finish a project around the house, such as paint/remodel. History, because it is awesome! I enjoy Art, but not when I am pressured by a grade. Charcoal drawing is my favorite and I can get lost for hours drawing a picture (it may not show it though). Entry level chemistry at our local community college. The teacher changes everything! Most of the time a teacher creates a positive experience and can open a students mind to learn amazing things, but sometimes...not. The environmental classes in the ISAT program. WOW...way more chemisrty than I have under my belt.		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
I have programmed the VCR. :)		
<b>Strengths</b>		
Advice, postive feed back on stressful situations, I am a good listener, and I truly care about others needs and concerns. I like to lend a hand whenever possible, physically or mentally.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
Typing speed or lack of!		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
Teacher interaction with the students!		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
I am worried about my lack of computer knowledge and my slower typing skills for this class.		

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I'm a leasing consultant for North 38 the complex that I live in. I work about 20 hours a week.
Courses: CS 444 GER 102 GSOCI 110		Why: I'm taking this class because it was suggested to me. Not only because of the course content, but also the person who suggested it said the professor was awesome. // I really want to learn more about VB and have to do some real problem solving using Visual Basic. The only stuff I ever did with the language in high school I got all the code straight from a book, which doesn't teach anything.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

LOVE computers. I am a CS major, so they are my life. Typically when my computer malfunctions I either KNOW what the problem is cause its something I did to cause it and can easily fix it, or I get on google and learn. This in my opinion is the best way to learn anything, with the information highway at our fingertips. I think I'm a pretty good programmer. I know there are times where I'll be stuck and all it takes is a second person to look at the code for a split second and see the problem, something I just easily overlook will foul me up for way too long. Problem solving skills can always use a boost. No matter how good someone is at approaching a problem and solving it, it cannot hurt to learn new ways to approach a particular problem. Also, I cant wait to begin programming in VB, my knowledge (what little I had) is most certainly forgotten.

### Life Plans

I would love to eventually be working with a major development company, with respect to video games. Popular companies like Bungie Software, Bethesda Software. If these didn't work out, I would love to be an IT guy for a respectable company given my knowledge on computers. My career. I came to school to study computers and software engineering, once I get a degree I don't see myself being able to get away from computers.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I have many a times been lost in fixing my computer. I've made numerous hardware upgrades which have cause hard drives to fail, power supplies to fry. When something like this happens and I lose my computer, I can get lost in trying to fix it. I watch a lot of TV. I have a media stream set up in my apartment with a 2TB hard drive full of things to watch movies, tv shows, etc. I spend most of my time browsing the web, or watching TV. // If I had 5 minutes I'd probably browse the web. / 5 hours probably watch some LOST (favorite TV show) / 5 days I'd probably do something to my computer, jailbreak my iphone, mod my wii. All these experiences (although voiding warrantys) have taught me a LOT of what I know. / 5 weeks, I'd work to make money, so I could buy MORE technology Anything science, I took a physics course which was hard, and a lot of work, but the content is very interesting. // I also took an electronics course where we built circuits and wired different things together. That was an extremely fun course. CS 349 - I thought this class was going to be extremely hard (which it was) but it was very fun, and I learned a lot. We did GUIs in Java which was very intense. // GCOM was an interesting course, I hate public speaking but my professor made it extremely fun. / / TSC 210. I hate writing, especially papers of length. But this class took an interesting spin on writing. We learned about writing instruction manuals and the like, not just writing a bunch of essays. CS 460. Local Area Networks. I thought this class was going to be fun because I knew a lot about networking (or so I thought because I'm a Cisco Certified Networking Associate (took the course in high school)). It turned out, I don't know a thing about networking, and doing things in Linux is confusing. I ended up hating this course because it was a lot of work and I wasn't really sure if I'd every WANT to use this material again, much less worry about whether I would use it or not.

### Programming Experience

As I said I'm a CS major, so every class I've had to take has practically been about programming. / CS 139 / CS 239 / CS 240 / CS 349 / CS 430 / The list goes on. My main experience is in Java (because that's what this wonderful university has taught me) but I know a little about C and C++. I took a class in Eiffel as well as PHP, Bash, and Scheme. I took a class in high school in VB, which is what I'm told this course is about, and it was mentioned to me that I would have a fun time in this class which is why I signed up for it.

### Strengths

I'm pretty good at problem solving. Like I said I've had to diagnose problems with my computers many times.

**Places for Improvement**

I struggle most with my study habits I think. My comprehension of materials is normally pretty average, if I had better study habits I'd be able to ace most tests, but my motivation is lacking. This is not only my weakness but obviously something I need to improve.

**Learning Preference**

Most college classes go with the lecture routine, while this can be very boring and tedious, I have had professors before that I don't mind sitting down and listening to.

**Other Concerns**

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Not at this time
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 isat 253 gmus 200 gsoci 140		<p>Why: The class seems very well put together and my immediate interest in computers will allow me to develop an appreciation for programming. Also, I was impressed with the professor and his teaching standards from talking to previous students. The professor seems as though he is able to bring the most out of students and is fair and helpful.</p>

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I am a huge fan of computers and worked with my neighbor to build and construct my own PC. I find a computer and the internet as one of the fastest and best resources readily available and it is certainly a "non-human" best friend of mine. When my computer malfunctions or there is a virus, my first response is google to research and read how to fix the problem and ensure that it does not happen again. At programming, I think I will fair quite well. I see no reason to be concerned. Critical thinking and collaboration.

### Life Plans

In ten years I would love to be working on alternative energy sources: primarily the microbial and hydrogen fuel cells that I am researching and developing them into a prominent source of energy as well as the treatment of wastewater. In thirty years, if I hit it off really well with these fuel cells and other technologies, I hope to be retired or a professor at a college. By then I hope to have international recognition. Long term goals include a prosperous and healthy life, a fun and excellent paying job so I can live life to the fullest, and also give back to my community, family, and friends. I see computers being a major part in the research and especially the design of various technologies, including my fuel cells, and as for programming, it could be applied to the specific application on the use of the fuel cells in a waste water system.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

One thing I can do for hours without getting bored or tired is weightlifting or playing basketball. This activity normally takes no more than two hours but I am never glancing at the time to see how long it has been and I am always focused in directly on the set and exercise. In addition, playing basketball is something that I participate in over summer almost every day and without evening knowing it, we will have been playing for three hours. I have also noticed that video games causes time to fly by incredibly fast and just like that, two hours is gone. 5 free minutes I would play on my iphone or check email // 5 free hours: I would eat and lift, or perhaps take a power nap // 5 free days: A great deal of shopping, lifting, eating, hanging out with friends and family // 5 free weeks: Vacations, shopping, lifting, eating, and being with friends and family. // Every day, when I have free time, it is certainly spent on the computer as well and sometimes when in college it is spent playing video games. I have developed a deep appreciation for history recently and a GHIST class certainly aided in that. Also, writing is another interest of mine and I feel I enjoy writing and it can be a liberating and unique experience every time. Classes I enjoyed (outside of isat) include GHIST because learning about the history of the world and how young everything is (countries, governments, etc) was very interesting. Also health class is certainly interesting to an extent with nutrition and fitness. // An academic subject I have not taken but am very well versed in and knowledgeable about includes exercise science, fitness, and nutrition. Engineering and Manufacturing systems was a class I did not think I would enjoy but I really learned so much in that class and it was taught very well. The amount of information covered and knowing I put in lots of effort made me enjoy the class so much more! Physics, I liked physics in high school but simply put it was not the same in college.

### Programming Experience

The most I have used is Rainmeter to build and edit skins and also I have background in Photoshop and other Adobe programs simply from using them over time.

### Strengths

People are able to come to me for reliable and well thought out advice, so I feel that is one thing I am good at. Golf is another talent of mine and after recent outings on Florida golf courses, I think I should try out for the team. Next, weightlifting and bodybuilding is easily one of my new top talents and areas that I excel at and people always come to me for advice about that. My work and research on microbial fuel cells is also a talent that has given me national and international awards and something I am

very proud of. Also, I feel I am pretty humorous and very well spoken and can act professionally in any situation.

#### **Places for Improvement**

Math is certainly an Achilles heel of mine and sometimes I do struggle with it. I have a strong desire to improve in engineering and math. I continue to work on being very well rounded and I would say I have lots of room to improve in the math and chemistry field.

#### **Learning Preference**

Smaller classes with great student and professor interaction. Sometimes I am afraid to ask questions (an area for improvement) or give opinions in class so I really enjoy when it is a comfortable class setting.

#### **Other Concerns**

As of right now, there is not but I am thankful and appreciate the fact that I know I can talk to you if I need to be put at ease about anything. I am excited for spring semester and this class will be an interesting one to say the least. It is a new style of class for me and I will do my best to excel at it.

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Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job: yes .student assistant ,computer labs
Courses: isat 131 isat 113 gmus 203 isat 252 ghist 101		Why: To learn the skills in this class which i think i need in my career and life .
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>Computer helps in every work.I like them very much in terms of service .When my computer malfunctions i try to fix it . i think i would be very good in it. Applying mathematical concepts to solve problems.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>Have an organization or a programing managing specifically alternative energy ,sustainable environmental practices with the help of advanced computing methods . A major role .They will be in everyday life and everything i do.And also more area such as home ,schools,automobiles would be affected by the wide use of computers in the future.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>TV distracts me sometime but with facebook i can multitask and also not loose focus on what am doing . In 5 minutes i would read a magazine or some sort of article .5 hours surf the net for some information .5 days would pretty much the same routine and some TV.5 weeks would be same but changing routines . science related subjects ,business courses mainly management and economics ,political issues . / I enjoy economic and managerial courses since they relate well to real life situations for me . / Statistics .it was a great tool as i learned over the semester for research and all other areas of life. Not really had one yet .</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I think i have a convincing verbal skills when talking about an issue which is of interest .</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>Giving fast answers to critical questions ,because i like to think gradually but i am improving.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Interactive</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I would like to really learn something from this class as the syllabus claims ,so at the end of the semester i would be able to put to use .I would be going back home to my country this summer and would be proud to implement something in my local church using programming or a tool to help better something of interest in my neighborhood.</p>		

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Hours: 16	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Yes; I work at UREC. 6 hours a week, and 9 hours every-other weekend.
Courses: ISAT 131 ISAT 152 GSOCI 110 GAMST 200		Why: One it is required. But two, I've always been interesting in programming because like I've said (multiple times haha) my mom thinks I'd be good at it and I like math.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I love them really. I probably spend more time on the internet than I do watching tv. When it malfunctions I try and figure out what went wrong by clicking around and trying different things until I fix the problem. This is good sometimes but other times makes the problem worse. Well like I said my mom says I'd be good. But honestly I dont know what programming consists of. I would probably have to work on my abstract thinking to solve problems.

### Life Plans

In ten years I hope to have a satisfying job and I hope to begin a family. In thirty, I still wish to have a satisfying job that can support my family well. I just want to have a good job, a healthy family and be able to travel whenever I want. I don't want money to be an issue. Depending on how well I do in this class I can see myself holding a job that incorporates computers. I have never programmed but my mom has told me multiple times that I would enjoy it.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I love playing soccer and basketball. I could do those for hours really. I play Playstation online and could easily play for an hour or two and not realize it. I also snowboard and love going to Massanutten and spending the day on the mountain. I usually surf the web or lay down. I love to nap. If I had 5 free minutes I'd probably just search the internet. With 5 hours, I would probably lay down for a little then maybe go work out for an hour or so. With 5 days I would workout a couple days. The rest I would try and spend as much time with my friends and family. With 5 weeks of free time I would probably want to work some. Go workout a couple hours a day and then spend the rest with family and friends. Maybe make couple day trips. I really like math. I like doing this that either have a certain correct answer or a wrong answer. With academics, I don't like to have "grey area". I enjoyed my critical thinking class because of the 'black and white-ness' of it. I also enjoyed the lab aspect of my ISAT 211 manufacturing class. We controlled robots and other things. The manufacturing class turned out to be like this. The labs helped change my mind but I did really well in the class and enjoyed going. My health class freshman year. At that point I thought I would be doing something with health but after the class I just lost interest. I couldn't see myself taking any other classes like it.

### Programming Experience

#### Strengths

I'm pretty good at math. I like solving sudoku puzzles and am pretty good at it. I like doing "tech" stuff like hooking up tv's and internet routers. Pretty much whatever Best Buy's Geek Squad would do.

#### Places for Improvement

I really am bad (or good) at procrastination. I let things build up and then stress out a lot. That's really the biggest thing I need to improve on.

#### Learning Preference

Lectures with powerpoints but with a lot of interaction and hands on examples.

#### Other Concerns

I don't know much/ anything about programming so I'm hoping I'm not alone in this boat. But I'm not really worried, more anxious to see what it's like

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Hours: 14	Programming XP: Yes	<p>Job: Yes I do. I work for UREC as a Student Official and I work roughly 10 hours a week.</p>
Courses: GISAT 112 GISAT 151 ISAT 131 ISAT 252		<p>Why: I am partially taking it because it is required, but I am also taking it because computers and programming is something I have been interested in learning for a while now and I finally have a chance to learn about it.</p>

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I enjoy using computers and working with them to complete my school work. I do not know very much about fixing computers. Also, I have never had a problem with my computer that couldn't be solved simply by restarting it, therefore I have had no need to take it to anyone to get it fixed. I usually can learn things fairly quickly and pick things up easily so I believe I will be pretty good at programming. I would like to improve on my ability to think about things in different perspectives rather than just one set way.

### Life Plans

In ten years I expect to be well into a career in the Navy. In thirty years I will most likely be retiring from the Navy and possibly looking into being a government contractor or working for the government if it is necessary for me to continue to work. My long term goals have not been established other than my career path as I am still uncertain about all the details that may be included in my life. I will most likely be working with computers throughout my entire life. Since I will be getting a tech degree I will most likely be working in the technology field. Also, I am considering Naval Aviation as a career path and computers will be key to operating the plane and navigation systems.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I often lose track of time when I am just spending time with a good friend or with a group of friends hanging out. Also, I tend to lose track of time when I am playing sports especially rugby and snowboarding. One other thing I tend to lose track of time with is if I am working on one of my family's vehicle either by myself or helping my father. With my free time it usually depends on what I need to get done or who I'm with or what time of year it is. With five minutes I usually just sit down and try to relax for a minute or figure out what else I need to get done that day. 5 hours usually allows me to get a variety of things done. Sometimes I will take a nap, others I will try to workout or go snowboarding or just try and get some stuff done around the house. If I can manage to get 5 days free I will use a few days to kind of just do nothing and relax or get back on track with things. Or I will try to go visit some friends or family that I may not have seen in a while. Whenever I can manage to get 5 weeks free, I will try to either find a part time employment opportunity or go on a vacation. I love to travel and I always am wanting to explore new places and different regions. I really enjoyed my GCOM class and learning about communications. Also, I enjoy learning about global politics and international affairs as I am always wondering what is going on in other regions of the world and how different countries are reacting to the actions of others. I didn't think I would enjoy my GCOM class and actually did end up not only learning quite a bit from it, but also really enjoying the class and the subject material. I actually did not enjoy the history classes I took since it seemed quite repetitive of the classes I had already taken throughout high school. Also, even when we were talking about points in history that I enjoy talking about, my professors managed to make it uninteresting.

### Programming Experience

#### Strengths

I am good with fixing things and working with my hands. I have been working on houses, cars, and woodwork. I also like to consider myself fairly athletic and do pretty well with sports. I am good at snowboarding and have started getting better at rugby since starting last spring. Also, my friends also tend to come to me when they need someone to talk to and claim I'm a good person to talk to.

#### Places for Improvement

The area I struggle the most in is English. I don't do well with picking apart books and trying to find all the hidden meanings.

#### Learning Preference

I enjoy very hands on classes and lots of involvement rather than just taking notes off of a power point.

**Other Concerns**

Nothing that I can think of right at the moment.

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I volunteer at the Rescue Squad 12-15 hours per week.
Courses: ISAT 212 HTH 300 GENG 248 ISAT 311		Why: I am taking this class because I have always been interested in computers, and plan on sectoring in IKM.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I generally have an amicable relationship with the computers in my life. I try to use them whenever possible, and enjoy finding new ways to take advantage of their strong points (repetitive stuff and the like). When something goes wrong, I am typically someone from whom people ask help, but I wouldn't consider myself an in depth expert in any one area. I think I will be pretty good at it, especially with the modest experience I have. Even though it has been quite a while, I think it will come back to me. I did pretty well in my high school prog/CS classes. I think that I would most like to develop my computational thinking skills.

### Life Plans

In 5 years, I would like to be spending some time working for Richmond EMS (to get the excitement "out of my system" so to speak). After that, I either see myself working doing something with my ISAT degree (probably E&M) or working on getting into PA (Physician's Assistant) school. If not one of those options, I would like to work for an air medical service as a flight paramedic, at least part time. I see areas in which a little expertise could help streamline our operations at HRS and in public safety all the time...for example, call data from the computer aided dispatch system has to be manually entered into a report from a fax every time a patient is transported by an ambulance in this area. With a little ambition, communication, and know how, we could have something like this: <http://warhammer.mcc.virginia.edu/rids/rids.php>. // That said, I don't see myself ever having a career, per se, in computers; rather I would like to have a working knowledge in order to put systems in my life to use in ways that require more advanced skills. Make sense?

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I can't say Facebook, because I got rid of mine precisely for this reason. // I really enjoy my time volunteering in the EMS system, but aside from that... / I guess I enjoy reading articles that relate to things that interest me, and I could get lost on wikipedia for hours. Min: I have no idea... / Hours: either play a round of golf or go for a drive/daytrip / / Days: Work on any one of my different long term projects, or take a trip out to CA to visit family / / Weeks: Whatever it is that I do during the summer... I would have to say government/politics and economics. I was probably the only person in my 231 class with Ivory who actually enjoyed it. / / I think that it's important (and fascinating) to understand the systems that influence our lives on a daily basis, hence those choices. ISAT 151...I was worried that it would be a drag since it was calculus and my first real exposure to ISAT...and I loved it. / / The lab made all the difference. / I guess I could say the same thing about 211; I never thought I would potentially concentrate in E&M but after taking 211, I may do just that. Pass.

### Programming Experience

In 10th grade I took a VB class and 11th and 12th took IB CS standard level...that class was Java based, and taught a few basic Object-Oriented concepts. Overall, they were positive experiences although I wish I had put more effort into them. / / I've also done some basic database work and helped develop a simple directions access app for streets within our first due at Harrisonburg Rescue.

### Strengths

I think I am good at assessing the big picture, as well as staying cool under stress. I pride myself on my skills as a medic, and perhaps more importantly, my compassion and ability to listen to peoples' problems.

### Places for Improvement

I think that time management is my main problem...I tend to get carried away by things in which I am interested and end up with no time to do the stuff I HAVE to do. / / Yea, but who doesn't?

### Learning Preference

Something that permits a multi-directional exchange of ideas.

**Other Concerns**

Your reputation for your unique teaching style precedes you...where does that come from?

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job:
Courses: COB 242 (minor) ISAT 410 ISAT 411 ISAT 493		Why: Well, I am taking this class because it's required for me to graduate this semester, but I'm also glad I'm taking it because I have such a limited computer background. Computers play such an integral role in our lives, and knowing how to use one proficiently is key in today's job market.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I really like that computers make my life easier, but I mostly see them as a gateway to endless information. Besides word processing and other Office functions, I basically just use it for the internet. Since I've always used a Mac, I've actually never had a computer malfunction but if I ever did, I would most likely take it to the Apple store. I'm a pretty logical person, so I like to think I'd be an above-average programmer. All four points look like things I'd like to improve on. I think all of the Analytical Methods classes are a great idea and give us the fundamentals we need to succeed with an ISAT degree.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>In 10 years hopefully I'll have a Masters in some type of engineering, but other than that I don't really know. My long-term goals are just to make sure I live comfortably. I think the role that computers play in daily life is growing everyday, especially in technical fields like engineering. I'd like to get a lot more comfortable with using them.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I play baseball at JMU, and honestly I can be on the field for hours without thinking about it. I also love looking for new music, and although that might fall under the "zone out" category, I definitely think I'm pretty focused when doing it. I work out a lot, so I spend a lot of my free time doing that. That includes running, lifting weights and playing baseball/racquetball. I've always liked math, probably because each problem has a single answer so disagreement rarely occurs. I really enjoyed physics for the same reason. Thermodynamics was terrible at first, but once I realized that it was just a beefed-up physics class, I began to like and even understand it better. Instrumentation and measurement. The topic seemed interesting and Dr Salib did a great job explaining everything, I just ended up being indifferent about.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I was always good at doing math quickly, and I think I'm a level-headed person.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>My "Achilles heel" is sometimes being narrow-minded. I could definitely improve that.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Lecture</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 16	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No		
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 152 GREL 101 GISAT 113 GKIN 100	Why: Well it is required for me to take it with my major but I really look forward to taking it because it sounds very interesting			
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>				
<p>I really enjoy having a computer mostly because the convenience of all the programs they come with. I don't necessarily know what to do when my computer malfunctions so I tend to spend hours on the phone with dell until they can figure it out I am going to try my hardest to learn how to program. My roommate is a CS major so I have looked over his shoulder a few times to see what he does and I'm glad I get the chance to learn what he does everyday. definitely learning about creating and making use of different levels of abstraction, to understand and solve problems more effectively.</p>				
<b>Life Plans</b>				
<p>I see myself working for some type of manufacturing company in ten years and maybe going back to school to major in business or some other field in thirty. My long term goal in life is to be successful in what I do so that I can support my family and enjoy my life as much as possible. I see me using computers for programs like CAD/CAM in the future because manufacturing engineering is what I plan to concentrate in.</p>				
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>				
<p>Video games definitely make me lose track of time. Just last semester I ended up playing Call of Duty: Black Ops for hours instead of doing schoolwork. 5 minutes I would probably just be on facebook, 5 hours I would be playing video games or going to work out, 5 days I would watch movies, play video games, work out, go play some sport, etc., and 5 weeks I would do all those things all over again. I really enjoy math, mostly just because I get it very easily. I haven't really enjoyed the gen-ed classes that I have taken so far The class that I took last semester ISAT 211 with Dr. Anne Henriksen. It was definitely hard for me to enjoy her class at first because she made it so difficult, but then I realized how much I was learning compared to the other students that were taking the class with a different professor. I really ended up appreciating how much she pushed the class to learn the stuff because it was really important to know. I took micro-sociology because it sounded very interesting, but then i hated it because it was just learning about and memorizing philosophers beliefs and ideas which was very difficult for me</p>				
<b>Programming Experience</b>				
<b>Strengths</b>				
<p>I have the ability to make people laugh easily. A lot of my friends always come to me when they are stressed or upset to get a good laugh.</p>				
<b>Places for Improvement</b>				
<p>I struggle with doing things last minute when I think I can finish them easily and then they end up being pretty hard. I definitely need to improve in this area because my schedule for this semester will be pretty tedious.</p>				
<b>Learning Preference</b>				
<p>I like a class that can have fun while also learning what they need to learn</p>				
<b>Other Concerns</b>				
N/A				

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Only in the summer. I'm going to Hawaii this summer and working in an art gallery (hopefully it will help my creative).
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 GENG 248 GHTH 100		Why: I'm taking this class too see if it is something I am interested in. I am an open book and I still need to find more things that really interest me and that will diversify my skills in such a competitive market.

#### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I wish our society wasn't so dependent on computers even though they are a very useful tool. I spend way too much time on it when I feel like I could be doing more productive things. When my computer malfunctions I first try to restart it which normally fixes my problem. If that doesn't work I begin to google the problem and see solutions that other people had. Hopefully I am pretty good at it. Once I learn something on the computer I catch on really quick. I would like to improve on my creative problem solving. I don't feel like I think in an abstract way and I would like to work on that.

#### Life Plans

I'm still trying to figure all of that out, but I know that I don't want to be sitting behind a computer all day. I'm considering doing something with the food industry. In whatever I end up doing, I'm sure computers will be a useful tool in organization and research.

#### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I can play cards for hours. Solitaire online and sitting around the card table with my grandmother kills a lot of time. It depends on the time of year for me. During the summer if I have a couple hours to spare I'm typically at the beach and the state parks close by my house riding a bike or taking a walk. I also spend a little too much time on the computer regardless of the time, some times it is facebook, online shopping, or reading news articles. I also like to nap if I get a few hours. If I had 5 days to spare I would probably try to either just relax and lay low or go camping. With 5 weeks I would try to go on a vacation. Apart from my major I really like history. I have really enjoyed taking graphic design classes (even though it involved sitting behind the computer for a long time) because I enjoy trying to be creative. I was pretty indifferent when going into GISAT 113 but I ended up thinking it was much more interesting than how I had learned it in the past and it stuck much better. When I signed up for Africana Studies I was so excited and I thought it was going to be awesome. Having to learn a lot of African terminology was really tuff for me and in turn I didn't think the course information was that interesting.

#### Programming Experience

#### Strengths

I'm good at making people smile. I have a good ear for music as well. I am good at interacting with people, I work at an information booth during the summer talking to people all day.

#### Places for Improvement

I think my attention span could do for some help. If I am not focused I can spend hours on something that should take 30 minutes. I also have a poor tolerance for political extremes whose theories are based on impartial views. /

#### Learning Preference

I like interactive classes where I find the material ties into my life. I also like when the textbook and labs can be expanded on by lectures therefor I can benefit from the professors knowledge and experiences.

#### Other Concerns

I wonder how programming will tie into other classes in the ISAT major. I also wonder how it will be applicable in my chosen field for instance, how could it tie into the food industry?

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Hours: 14	Programming XP: Yes	Job: not at college
Courses: gisat 113 isat 251 isat 152 isat 252 airs 220	Why: i really had a bad experience my freshman year with cs and im hoping to gain much more of an understanding.	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I typically like using computers except for writing codes in java. When my computer starts malfunctioning, I typically hold the power button until it turns off and reboot or check for viruses. I think that this course will be more interesting (hopefully) than cs139. I hope to gain much more of an understanding about what it is I'm actually doing as opposed to trial and error for hours on my own. thinking differently and adapting to new methods		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
Hopefully with the Air Force for 20 years flying UAV's or any other occupation within that I find interesting. Computers are increasingly essential so I think many day-to-day operations will require computers.		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
I can work out for hours on end in the gym; play pick up games (any sport) with friends 5 minutes; heading to where I need to be next; 5 hours: homework, going to urec, 5 days: resting, connecting back with family; 5 weeks: probably the same as 5 days, just over and over I loved psychology because it explained areas that I had wondering about for years. not applicable History, teacher made the course much harder than it needed to be and often rambled on and on leaving me completely uninterested.		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
I took a semester of Computer Science my freshman year at JMU. We wrote code in Java. Although I received a b in the course I realized that sitting behind a computer for hours on end was not what I wanted to do.		
<b>Strengths</b>		
I feel that I can strike up a conversation with anybody, I can hold my own athletically, and I'm very good with time management.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
Final tests, stressing out about the little things; I wish to improve on my programming		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
Interactive, relaxed, question and answer review		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 16	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Finance Intern- 40 hrs a week. (not during school)
Courses: 151 112		Why: Im actually interested in the subject. I know that its required, but this is one class im excited to take. During isat 101, your lecture interested me in the subject even further.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I love computers!. Ive loved computers since I was a kid. My dad got an IBM when i was a kid and i couldnt keep my hands off of it. Of course, I didnt know what it did or even how it could be practically used, but i learned eventually. In 4th grade I was one of the kids who helped all the teachers out with their computers if they couldnt fix them. Ive always loved computers, operating systems, and hopefully ill love programming too! I think ill be ok. Ill get what I put into it. Generally thats the case. I already have interest in the subject so I have faith ill put forth a lot of effort. I would love to improve on problem solving. Really, I would love to have this as a job in the future.

### Life Plans

In 10 years I see myself working in IT hopefully making my mark on society. Ive always been a person who wants to change the world and even though Im not doing it right now, I would like to make a lasting impact on my society and peers alike. In 30 years I hope ill be managing some form of IT infrastructure. I basically just want to have a comfortable living and enjoy going to work. I definitely see computers in my future. I haven't explored programming enough to know whether i have a future in it. Hopefully this class will point me in the right direction

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

Im a nerd, so I can usually read technology blogs like Engadget and Gizmodo for hours on end. Im big on the the mac/apple rumor websites. If theres a rumor, I usually know about it! On another note, I used to love Windows, now im in love with OSX. Just a preference, but it really think its so much easier to use. Yes, I love computers. Yes, Im a nerd. But ive embraced it. 5 minutes probably reading blogs. 5 hours probably watching movies/xbox. 5 weeks, probably going to work. My favorite subjects encompass most of the sciences. I feel like ive always understood sciences and they have always seemed interesting to me. I took a class on Gandhi last semester. I wasnt looking forward to it, but the professor made the class exciting and i ended up doing well and learning a ton. N/A

### Programming Experience

In High School I was enrolled in Computer Science. We learned how to program in basic java. It wasnt anything amazing, but it gave me insight into how complicated the simplest of programs really are. I really did like the class. It was VERY open ended. Although we had assignments, the teacher (he was a part time professor at GMU) really wanted us to put as much work into the class as we wanted. I ended up finishing the class and learning how to program basic java as well as a new found respect for those who program.

### Strengths

I played violin for 16 years, so im pretty decent at that. Im good at working on electronics and usually fixing things.

### Places for Improvement

I struggle in math. Its always been something I wished I was good at. Its such an inconvenience. No matter how hard I try at it, I cant ever seem to "get it". Im working on it. Desire to improve is definitely there.

### Learning Preference

Open Ended. Ive never really loved lectures. Let me figure it out!

### Other Concerns

I'm worried that me not being good at math will bring me down. I really hope i get what i put into the class.



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Courses: ISAT 252 ISAT 152 ISAT 131 GISAT 113	Why: to learn more about programming and improve on my programming	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
i am only familiar with java programming, so if the programming we do in this class is similar then i feel like i will be fairly successful creating and making use of different levels of abstraction		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
plan on joining the military becoming a fighter pilot i dont plan on seeing computers as part of my future initially however i may pursue a job with computers if my original plan doesnt work out or after retirement from the military		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
don't really have any i love working out and playing sports, watching sports, if i had 5 days i would probably travel to the mountains and ski/snowboard or go to a lake and water ski/wakeboard for all 5 days, if i had 5 weeks i would probably travel to another country and experience another type of culture gkin 100, i enjoy learning about the human body and how it works, i also enjoy learning about computers and networks, i would have enjoyed cs 136 had it not been as stressful and i was more successful at programming none isat 231, i found it very boring because it seemed like it was mainly court cases and rulings which do not interest me at all		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
began as CS major and took first programming class and I think 136? used java only, enjoyed some aspects of programming but found it too frustrating and tedious		
<b>Strengths</b>		
im fairly athletic, i also pride myself in being very committed and dedicated to something that i want to succeed in		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
i can get frustrated easily when i am not successful, for example i found programming my freshman year very frustrating because i was not as successful as i would have liked to have been		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
non lecture, more of an open discussion class with hands on examples or activities		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 16	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: GAMST 200 GISAT 113 ISAT 131 ISAT 152 ISAT 252		Why: I am taking this class because I think programming is interesting and would be good for me to have some experience with.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I like computers a lot. I feel that they are necessary for me to go through my daily life. When my computer malfunctions I restart it. I think I'll be decent at programming, I've never actually done it before. I would like to improve on solving problems and designing systems.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>In ten years I see myself, with a job, house, and a marriage. In thirty years I see myself with a family and a steady job. I see computers playing an important role because technology seems to be the future.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Some activities that make me lose track of time are videogames, facebook, watching youtube videos, playing sports. Without getting bored or tired I can read an interesting book or search for new music. If I had five free minutes I would check facebook and listen to music. If I had five hours of freetime I would go to sleep and go to the gym. If I had 5 days I would look for a job. If I had 5 weeks I would go on vacation. Apart from my major, my favorite academic subjects are history and psychology. I have enjoyed taking GENG 248 because a lot of the stories we had to read were really interesting and very well written. I didn't think I was going to like GENG 248 because I hate writing, but I ended up liking it because there wasn't too much writing, but there was more reading. I was looking forward to taking ISAT 112, which is chemistry, but I ended up hating it because it was really hard and boring.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am good at calculus, history, analyzing, and problem solving.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>My Achilles heel is writing and physics. I have the most room to improve in writing. I have the most desire to improve in physics.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I enjoy classes with lots of group work and worksheets to practice concepts. I don't like classes with just lecturing because it's easy to lose interest.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I am a little worried about programming because it looks really complicated and it kind of seems like you are learning a new language.</p>		

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No job during the semester.
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 GMUS 203		Why: I'm taking this class to get a better understanding and appreciation for how computer work and why they do what they do. Since computers are involved in almost every part of my life, knowing why they work is important.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I like working with computers and feel that knowing how to use one well is becoming more and more important in a variety of career fields. When my computer malfunctions, I tend to ask my dad what he thinks I should do since he used to be a computer programmer. I think it might be difficult in the beginning but I'll pick up on it fast. The experience I have already had with computers has been good, so I base it a little off that. I would like to improve on understanding the consequences of scale for their economic and social reasons.

### Life Plans

In ten years, I hope to be in a steady career in some field of science or technology. Other than that, I do not really know. My long term goals in life are to be successful in a job that I like doing and to have a family. I think computers will start to be more and more integrated into everything I do so I think they will affect nearly every aspect of my life. Personally, I do not know much about programming yet, so I cannot say what role that will play in my future.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I can definitely spend a lot of time working on my car. It's a good way to spend my time where I can see the positive results of the time I put into it. Driving in races also required a tremendous amount of focus and I can easily lose track of time during one. 5 minutes- listen to music / 5 hours- exercise at the gym / 5 days- go on a vacation / 5 weeks- rebuild my car I tend to like courses involving history because I like to learn why people acted in certain ways, what the result of it was, and why or why not we should repeat what happened. To make good decisions in the present, you should understand the consequences of what already happened. I did not like ISAT 211 at the beginning but ended up liking it because I started to understand the material better and I was getting more out of the curriculum. Once I worked harder at it, I understood it better and enjoyed what I was learning. It was very useful subject matter too. Certain GenEd classes are like this. I feel like I'm not learning as much as I can in some of these classes and they end up being a little dull. It's harder for me to apply the information to the real world, and I'm just memorizing facts instead of relating them to real circumstances.

### Programming Experience

I have had almost no experience with programming computers. The most that I've ever done is with a VCR, setting up a new program on my computer, or attempting to fix a problem with my computer.

### Strengths

I have good leadership, snowboarding, and driving skills.

### Places for Improvement

I tend to struggle in areas when I do not have an interest in the subject area. I have to push myself to learn the material even when I do not care as much about it. That is where I have the most room to improve and where I want to improve the most because it tends to come back to hurt me the most.

### Learning Preference

I like an interactive class during the lectures so that I stay focused and interested in the material that the professor is talking about.

### Other Concerns

What kind of depth do we get into with the programming? (What will I know how to program by the end of the semester?)

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 ISAT 311 ISAT 341	Why: I enjoy computer related courses, and I am interested in concentrating in IKM, so this will be a good class for me.	

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I would say I definitely like computers. I enjoy how they make it possible for me to quickly access any information I want. I'm generally pretty good with computers. Most of the time, I can fix my own computer if something goes wrong, and I rarely have trouble figuring out how to do something on a computer. I think I am a pretty solid programmer now. When I have a lot of time, I can write logical, well organized programs. My biggest problem is that I don't do enough planning before writing, and that can sometimes lead to poorly organized software. I can always find a way to solve whatever programming problem is given to me, but the actual code looks pretty terrible. The whole "Analyze and Plan" objective will certainly help me a lot.

### Life Plans

In ten years, I hope to have finished my master's degree and have a steady job in the alternative energy field. I will hopefully be beginning to start a family at that time, and will probably end up living in New England or the Pacific Northwest. // In thirty years, I plan on having my Doctoral degree completed, and would like to begin teaching at the University level. By that time, my children will be out of my house, and I will probably be living somewhere in the Rocky Mountains, or perhaps the Sierra Nevada. I see myself using computers every day, no matter what job I end up doing. The ability to program computers will be extremely useful in any profession, and I see myself doing it often to make other tasks easier.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I could snowboard all day every day. I often lose track of time up on the mountain, and hours can fly by without my even noticing. A lot of other outdoor activities suck me in too. I love to hike, and find great enjoyment in just walking through the woods for hours. Also, I honestly get sucked into programming sometimes. I don't do very much programming just for fun, but for my CS classes, I would start writing a program, and hours would just fly by while I was working on it. When I have 5 minutes free, I usually don't do anything productive with it. Most of the time I'll just end up on the computer, checking my Facebook or Email, or texting a friend. // When I have 5 hours free, I like to get together with my friends and play Call of Duty or throw a football around. // If I had 5 free days, I would either go hiking and camping, or go snowboarding. It just depends on the season. // In the event that I had 5 whole weeks completely free, I would probably do some combination of all the above. I would definitely go snowboarding or hiking a bunch in that time frame. There would also be a lot of just hanging out with friends playing video games and paintball. I'd probably throw some partying in there somewhere as well. I find religion studies to be very interesting, as well as theater. I've done theater my whole life, until I came to JMU. I did however take a theater class here that was a lot of fun. Religion studies are also very interesting to me, however I'm not really sure why. I took a geography class as a general education class, and it ended up being completely different than I thought it would be. I actually really enjoyed it, because it wasn't just memorizing maps like I expected. The class was mostly about how the geography of the world affects our culture and society, and it was just very interesting. I thought I was really going to enjoy ISAT 211, the intro to Engineering and Manufacturing class, but it ended up just being really boring. I was planning to take more E & M classes, but now I don't have much interest in them.

### Programming Experience

My first programming experience was in algebra in middle school. The school provided us with TI-83 calculators, which have built in programming capabilities. I began by making programs that I would use to solve equations and other simple tasks, but eventually moved into making games as well. In high school I took a Java class, which I didn't learn very much from, but since being at JMU I've taken CS 139 and CS 239, so I now have some level of skill writing in Java. I thoroughly enjoyed both 139 and 239, and really enjoy every type of programming I've done.

### Strengths

I like to think I'm good at snowboarding. I'm also a pretty good all around Handy-Man. I can fix most household problems with plumbing, electrical stuff, etc. I also have a lot of knowledge working on cars. I like to race my cars as well, so I'd like to think I'm a

good driver. I'm also pretty good with computers and anything electronic, and people often turn to me for help with those sorts of things.

#### **Places for Improvement**

The planning stage of programming is where I struggle the most, and I would like to improve that area.

#### **Learning Preference**

Interesting lectures with limited amounts of out of class work. I like for a lot of weight to be on exams, with less emphasis on smaller activities or projects.

#### **Other Concerns**

Nope, I think I'm ready!

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Hours: 16	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Not yet, working on that.
Courses: ISAT 302 ISAT 459 ISAT 321 ISAT 492 ISAT 152		Why: But it is required! Haha, it comes in handy with my Senior Thesis. And I figured I should take a class that Morgan Benton offered. (brownie points?)

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

Eh, I mean what would I do without a laptop? They essentially hold all my info so I love 'em. When my computer malfunctions I take it somewhere. Problem solved. I think anyone is good at anything if they work at it. So clearly I think I'd be pretty darn good if I work at it. And I don't think I'm good at programming at all yet, cause I haven't really done any. Probably anything that has to do with mathematics I could improve on. My skills have been rusty since high school, so my mathematical thinking has been off for a while. But I know I can improve on this it just takes practice.

### Life Plans

Ten years.. definitely employed, lets see I'll be 31 (ahh) so I will hopefully have my ideal job by then.... once I figure out what that is. Settled down, married, wealthy to an extent. Thirty years... I hope to know myself pretty well, still working in a job I like, and some children. Yea that's very broad. My long term goal is just to get a job after I graduate and maintain my health that's about it. Hmm... haha, ya I'd say so. If not I think it would be a good skill to have. I like challenges, and working on things that are like puzzles... trying to find the missing piece. That's what programming reminds me of, so I think it'll be a fun, yet useful skill to attain... and if all goes well I do hope to use it in the future.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I can pretty much zone into most things if I have a grasp on it. The one thing I pretty much constantly do and find most easy to just let go is running or any kind of physical activity. I can swim or run for an hour or so and not even notice how long its been. I can do that with usually any homework I have if I feel like I'm making progress in someway. I don't usually allot myself much free time. I like to constantly be doing something. But if I have a random day where I'm not feeling much motivation I can spend 5 minutes or longer just zoning out, such as TV. But as far as free time goes, such as time outside of school, I usually use that to read (no joke), work out, and expand my social circle, relationships are really valuable to me, I feel like they can get me farther in life than schooling can in a way. Gees, well... I was a Justice Studies major starting out. I'm really interested in forensics. Also I'm obsessed with psychology in a way. I read a lot about how people think, their body language, what makes someone tick... I've kind of collected a vast array of knowledge in this area so I kind of pride myself on it. Otherwise I'm a biotech concentration, which was my major before I switched to ISAT. I like learning about the body and how it functions and ways to help it, which is what drew me to Biotechnology, but I found the biology courses at JMU to dry and broad to endure and switched ISAT, which I love. Hmm. Basically if I'm excelling at a class I like it. But strangely enough the Calculus class I took with Anne (ISAT 151). I mean I hate Calculus, but she made the class so hard that I actually started to like it because I had to work my butt off in it in order to pass ANYTHING. I learned a lot. But would rather not go through it again. Ugh, Medical Biotechnology. I love biotech, and the ethics behind it and the way everything works, I mean I know it like the back of my hand. So I was really looking forward to this class. Yea, not so much... I changed my mind after I learned I had to come up with my own novel treatment for MS.

### Programming Experience

My experience only revolves around the 'programming' we've done during the Senior Thesis, using C#. Otherwise I've read some of the C# Microsoft book to learn more about it. So I get a few things I suppose.

### Strengths

I'm disciplined. I'm good at keeping myself fit, that's probably the one thing that I've never let waver. My health is very important to me. I have a vast knowledge of led zeppelin, just had to throw that out there. I can read people fairly well, its quite easy for me to pick up on someone else's emotions at the time, I try to use that to my advantage whenever possible. I'm good at communicating, and working in groups.

### Places for Improvement

Ah, my weakness. Hmm, well if I let something just sit there, and stop working at it... its all down hill from there. With anything. I

have a big problem with letting my emotions get the best of me, so if I have something going on in my personal life... its going to show in my work. I constantly try to work at this, its really hard, and part of the reason why I have to stay for another year (woohoo). So with improvement, I just have to learn to stay focused and keep out outside issues.

#### **Learning Preference**

Ah, good question. A class with a laid back atmosphere where the students aren't ostracized for asking questions. But also helpful, not laid back to the point where I have to teach myself every last thing. I am paying for the education right?

#### **Other Concerns**

Nah, its not life or death.

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: not sure yet, but should be tutoring at math help center
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 302 ISAT 321 ISAT 311 ISAT 491		Why: computers are going to be involved in everyone's life whether we like it or not, mine as well figure them out in case the Terminator comes

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I love computers, hence the whole integrated science and technology thing. As much as I love taking quizzes on blackboard, I always accidentally hit the "go back" button on the mouse and end up getting locked out of the quiz resulting in failing followed by uncontrollable explosive sobbing. When my computer usually malfunctions, I end up calling JMU's tech "support" which ever so conveniently only deals with hardware issues instead of software ones. They don't realize that more than half of the campus are still slaves to Vista. Basically, I have a vague idea of what to do via system restore and backing up, other than that I'm like Hellen Keller in a corn maze. I am currently god awful at programming, but with my previous experience with Access and Sharepoint I picked up the concepts fairly quickly. The whole referential integrity concepts are just like puzzles, and the software almost always points out where you made mistakes. Good point on saying the class is not all about HOW to program, but rather illustrating the scientific method. Currently starting to freak out about senior thesis, so I'm going to have to go with the identification and analyzing of problems.

### Life Plans

10 years: either going through a third-life crisis and pursuing enlightenment through some regrettable journey to Africa or something of that sort OR (hopefully) working for Tesla Motors / / 30 years: retirement via lottery / / Long term goals: slay mythical creature, play music live at least once, collaborate with fellow ISAT'ers and save the world HUGE role, Moore's law will make the technology become intertwined with everyone of our lives one way or another. Computers will be more advanced, resulting in more efficient programming techniques. All of which I am barely exposed to already.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

Music (playing, mixing, composing and listening) is the ultimate procrastination enhancer. Whenever an assignment is due I usually pick up the trombone or guitar and piss off my roommates, or mix and mash songs together via Deckadance software. Music and sports (jock comment) are usually the best ways to blissfully kill an afternoon. 5 minutes: relaxation via tv, videogames, laying and doing nothing / 5 hours: go hiking/skiing/outdoorsy stuff depending on weather. / 5 days: go camping (pending weather) / 5 weeks: read books that I actually WANT to read, not ones that I am forced to do a report on/various outdoor activities/save the world -philosophy, because it makes you think, not memorize / -Tang's 131 and 231 classes laid out all the dilemmas of policy and allowed us to choose a side / -A general business course called GBUS 10..something illustrated the basics of stocks and bonds; things that we are going to have to learn eventually whether we like it or not. / -ISAT 310 (thermodynamics)...learned the details of heat transfer and applied to all types of engines. / -so far, Dr. Tang's courses have been the highlight of my schedule ISAT 310 because it was difficult and frustrating due to my lack of work ethic. Later on, I would read BEFORE the class and actually know what is going on and be able to retain the information. Being able to apply the information to everyday encounters gives you a whole new perspective on life (<---excessively philosophical statement) GHUM (some course number)....I enjoyed reading the books, but not at an all out sprint. I gave up most of my reading skills for math, and therefore read and retain at my own pace, forcing me to resort to Sparknotes. Still got an A though.

### Programming Experience

uhhh...I made my own avatar on xbox live / / also...created database through Microsoft Access and created profile and collaborated through Sharepoint when in Business school before I found ISAT

### Strengths

To be blunt, I am an easy person to talk to thus making collaboration an easier aspect. Along with that, I do love to talk and express my own ideas even if I end up making a complete fool of myself. I am graced with completely average intelligence, but I do love ISAT and work as hard as possible to barely keep up with these geniuses walking around.

### Places for Improvement

in all honesty, programming. My fellow colleagues usually end up showing me simple features on the computer such as the snip-it tool and even print screen. I just found out how to copy and paste! Kidding. But still, it's embarrassing and I'm looking forward to improving these absent skills

#### **Learning Preference**

small, interactive classes. I've talked to colleagues that have taken yours and I like what I've heard thus far.

#### **Other Concerns**

I'm looking forward to taking your class. I don't know if you recall, but I talked to you at an ISAT open house a year ago when I was freaking out about my life and contemplating leaving the dreadfully boring business school. You gave me some insightful thoughts on the program and I've been happy with my decision ever since. This is not supposed to be a brown-nose statement, just needed to get that off my chest. Thanks Dr Benton I'll see you on Monday // Eric Rothschild

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Hours: 13	Programming XP: Yes	Job: While I am at school I don't work
Courses: GISAT 113 ISAT 131 ISAT 152 ISAT 252		Why: I think that the IKM sector of ISAT may be for me. Like I said I love math, science and technology, and I have had many computer classes that I have enjoyed.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I love computers! I am on mine every day haha. I do my best to fix any problems I run into on my own, but sometimes I have to get help from a friend. I have done a little bit, and I am not very good, but I want to get better!</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>Honestly I still don't know what I will end up doing. Long term goals? Obviously I want to succeed in whatever I choose to do. I assume they are like anyone else's goals. I want to get a good, steady job, start a family, and just enjoy life in general. Not sure what else to put really. Technology has become an essential part of society. Like I said, I use a computer every day. I do not know too much about programming, but even if I don't do something with it I will still need computers for any other career.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Haha I immediately thought of facebook and listening to music. I enjoy reading on occasion, and I like to watch and play sports, but I guess that's it. I spend free time at home (Williamsburg, VA) working. I've been working at a bookstore, trying to make some money for school. At JMU I spend my free time with friends. I'm in Alpha Phi Omega, a coed service based fraternity. I like to help out other people so in my free time I try and volunteer with friends. / 5 free minutes- I would probably spend them texting someone haha / 5 free hours- eat, sleep, hang out with friends, etc / 5 free days- hang out with friends or family, work / 5 free weeks- hang out, work, maybe a vacation or something! I like the science, math and technology classes I have taken. History is interesting, but it isn't my thing. English is ok but I hate writing really long research papers! ISAT seemed like the perfect choice. Some of the graphic arts and design classes I have taken were cool too. Well I have never really thought I would like my classes at the start. School is school. The technology classes have been fun for me though. The math classes are cool too because I notice myself learning it. Math isn't like history in that you don't memorize a date of an event or something, you have to grasp the general concept so you can solve all types of problems. I took an animation class that I thought would be interesting, but it was sooo boring! I think it might have been partly the teacher though.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<p>I took a computer science introduction class in community college. We talked about the different languages a lot, but we didn't really do that much programming.</p>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I guess I am ok at school, and I used to be pretty good at soccer. I'm not that great but I love bowling haha.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I am not the best at paying attention. I have to read a paragraph 3 times to fully comprehend it sometimes because I just zone out. I was late to class a lot last semester too, hopefully that won't happen this time!</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I am not sure what the styles are. I like to be able to ask questions and talk to the professor after class or during office hours when I need help. I am sure you will end up seeing me haha</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I feel pretty solid about the class. I am only worried about the usual stuff that you would worry about for any class, like the work load, how tough the tests are, papers, projects, etc. I am only taking 13 credits this semester (possibly another class as well) so I think I should be fine.</p>		

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Hours: 19	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Not at school.
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 321 ISAT 331 ISAT 491 SPAN 365 SPAN 370		Why: I would like to learn more about the science of a computer.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I'm afraid I would have to go with necessary evil on this one. I always like to know how things work and how they are put together. I am the first to admit that I know close to nothing about how a computer functions. I know the names of a couple key parts, but that is about it. I don't have any references really, but i usually learn quickly when someone is teaching me a new task. So I have high hopes. Basically just as it says, to improve my thinking in a computational fashion.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>I would like to earn a commission as an officer in the U.S. Navy. It has always been my goal to fly the most advanced aircrafts available. It would be an honor to fulfill that dream of becoming a pilot in the Navy. Modern jets use a fly-by-wire system. Basically meaning that a computer flies the plane while accepting inputs from the pilot. It is a sort of symbiotic relationship, that the computer obviously plays a pivotal role in.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I enjoy almost all types of sports. Also, when I was younger, it was near impossible to pull me away from my Knex sets. I enjoy having a layout for the construction of something, and then seeing that construction through to the completed project. For the smaller amounts of time, I would probably check up on Sportscenter. If I had 5 hours, I would see if one of my friends wanted to go play tennis or throw a football for a while. For the longer periods of free time, I think I would travel to somewhere that I had never been before. I am a Spanish minor, and enjoy expanding my knowledge of that language. Also, I have a strong love for geography and learning more about the physical world. CHEM 131. Everyone had told me it was a difficult class and that the teachers they had had didn't get the information across clearly. However, once I realized that it all came down to how the elements are constructed and why, everything appeared much simpler. Fortunately, I haven't had a class yet that I have hated.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I find that I possess a lot of seemingly useless knowledge. Things that rarely apply to everyday life, but might get me far on Jeopardy some day.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>Honestly, computer heavy assignments are usually the hardest for me to accomplish. Hopefully this class can improve my skills.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I like being shown how to do something. I find this is the quickest way for me to learn something.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>No sir. Not yet.</p>		

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Not during school, but hanging drywall over the summer for 40+
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 PHIL 101		Why: I hope to minor in CS and this is a good chance to see if I am any good at it or if I like it
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I don't mind computers but i try to keep off of them because i always spend more time on them than i really should. When something goes wrong, I normally Google it or call a friend. I have never had to use geek squad or anything like that. hopefully good because id like to minor in it since it seems useful abstract thinking, fair solutions		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
I hope to have a wife and maybe kids in the future, but I have no clue what type of career I would pursue. For the long term, I hope to have a house that is paid off, a steady career, and own a jet-pack. If I concentrate in manufacturing, than I will probably use CAD/CAM		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
Playing guitar, xbox, woodworking, yardwork, trying to fix things i have broken mins texting, talking, internet / hours playing guitar, xbox, read a book, nap / days start a project with electronics or woodworking, catch up on things ive put off / weeks start a large project, get a part time job, volunteer GKIN because it was easy and applicable / English because i love working with words My political science dual enrollment because i found it to be interesting how the government works (or fails to) manufacturing since it was much more tedious than i had originally thought		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
i had to make programs for the graphing calculators in middle school. i also have to set the clock in my mom's car every time daylight savings time changes.		
<b>Strengths</b>		
good listener, attention to detail if paying attention, empathetic, on time, honor commitments,		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
staying focused for long and moderate periods of time, doing my own workload in groups instead of helping others with his/hers		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
Basically anything other than reading off of ppt slides. I do prefer examples that are worked step by step in front of me and visual aids		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
I am the most worried about whether i want to continue my college experience in this direction or not		

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Hours:	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: ISAT 152 GISAT113 STATISTICS GPOSC 225 ISAT 151L		Why: To learn more about computers and prgramming
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>Computers are fine, only when I'm doing things that aren't complicated I plan on being a master at programming by the end of the semester. Programming and becoming comfortable with computers.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>In ten years I plan on having a Masters in ISAT, concentration Engineering. And also finishing medical school. I believe that in the future no one will be able to be successful in life without a computer. They will play a huge role, because life will pretty much circulate around them.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I found that reading Harry Potter books really make me lose track of time. I can read those books over and over again. Lately I have found that whenever i have free time, it is either used by playing video games or watching television. I enjoyed the Religions class that I took last semester. It not only taught me about all the other religion, but all the other religions in the world. All the classes that I thought I didn't like, turned out to be true. Engineering courses. I didn't like the structure of the class or even the major at that matter.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>People usually turn to me for advice on life in general or things such as school, relationships, etc.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I feel that I can be really timid at times.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>A class that has open discussions every now and then. A class that isn't so tense</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I work as an intern for Mass Mutual Insurance Agency. The hours are flexible but I generally work (if at home) 15 hours a week.
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 ISAT 253 GSoci 110		Why: Because it's required and...yeah
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>They are the most amazing thing man has ever made. They are also making man much more sedentary and less hard working by giving them the option to find almost any information in the world without getting out of their seats. With that said, computers are the future. Maybe like Terminator... / / My computer rarely malfunctions (its a Mac) but I generally just restart it. Not so good. But who knows Do you mean would I like to improve my ability in, or improve the point the class focuses on?</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>to be honest, I'm not completely sure. I'm still focusing on where I see myself at the end of this semester. I eventually want to be the dictator of a small island nation though. A pretty large role - I want to go into alternative energy.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Playing NHL11 on my XBox or reading a Chuck Palahniuk book If I have a very short bit of free time, that will usually be a quick game of something on the XBox. The longer it gets, the more I tend to go towards working out or playing soccer. And if there is a Washington Capitals game on, I will always be watching. English has always been up there for me because I love to write and come from a family of writers so I'm semi decent at it. Manufacturing 211 was a major one that I thought I would hate at the beginning but ended up loving it towards the end. The practicality and applicability of the information I learned really turned it. Psychology 160 - the professor was a nice guy but nothing I learned in there was of any use to me</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I'm pretty good at playing bass guitar and eating chicken wings faster than anyone I know</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>Foreign languages have always been impossible for me so I'm not sure how computer language/programming will affect me. I do want to become far more computer literate.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I prefer a class where I learn about a subject then get to actively apply it</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I have a stutter so speaking up in class may be harder for me</p>		

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Hours: 13	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: ISAT 251 GISAT 152 THE 251		Why: I really want to find out if I like programming and because IKM is my concentration I will have to take courses like these in the future.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I love computers. Thankfully my computer has never malfunction and if it does I normally know what to do or ask my brother. I think I will be ok.. As I said before the critical thinking skills and overall thinking abilities, but that goes without saying practice makes perfect and the only way to improve is to continue to practice those skills.		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
I have no idea. If I don't make it to the NFL I will want a good job hopefully with computers. My long term goal is to get a job that I will like and make enough money to provide for my future family. I will see if this class will help me decide if I want to do programming or not. I think it will be fun..		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
Video games definitely make me lose track of time. Football is something I can do for hours without getting bored or tired. I don't know of anything else that I spend time doing except video games. I mostly spend my free time sleeping. Because I play football, we don't have much free time so when we do I enjoy sleeping. If I am not sleeping I like playing video games and listening to music. If I had 5 hours of free time, depending on how sleepy I am, I would spend at least half of them sleeping and the other hours eating and relaxing. My favorite subject was physics apart from my major. I always enjoyed physics since high school and somehow find it easy to understand because of the structure and how you set up problems each and every time. Psychology. I didn't think I would like it but I actually learned a lot and still apply what I learned today. The fact that the human brain is being researched and they can tell us certain things about how and why we think a certain way is fascinating. Geography.. I didn't think I would love it but I thought it would be easy.. I just didn't like it period.		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
Over the summer I was in the REU Program and I had to use LabVIEW to program a device to measure a thermogravitational gradient.		
<b>Strengths</b>		
Football, being a good friend and person overall. I try to be good at everything I do because I do not like losing and being bad at anything. I am also a humble person because life and football has taught me as quick as you have something that is how quickly you can lose it. So I pride myself on being a focused and determined young man.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
Anywhere and everywhere I can improve I would like to. I like to get better at something each and everyday. But if I had to select somewhere I could improve I would say critical thinking skills I would like to sharpen them.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
One where we talk all the time and do group activities not read out of the book type class, so more interaction.		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
Nope I am excited and ready for this class..		

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Hours: 13	Programming XP: Yes	Job: no		
Courses: ISAT 253 Cs 239 ISAT 252 ISAT 131	Why: i like to learn about computers so this seems like a good class to show me what computers can really do.			
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>				
I like computers a lot. I like to be on them and learn about them but I do not know that much about them. When my computer malfunctions I usually go online and search Google to try and fix the problem. Well I think I will be pretty good. The little that I have done I have been pretty good on. I am good at putting things together and see the broad picture which helps in programming. reading				
<b>Life Plans</b>				
In ten years I expect to have a real job. I am not too sure which way I want to go either into computer science or into like normal science. In thirty years I want to be rich, or at least be able to live the way I want. I think computers are becoming more and more involved in our lives so I think it is a good thing for people to get to know how computers work and how to work them correctly.				
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>				
Snowboarding or swimming or running well because of school I normally spend my free time playing video games with my roommates because it is the easiest thing to do. During the summer though when school is not a factor I do not play any video games really. I normally am hanging out with friends or with my family and we go to the beach or ride bikes on the boardwalk or find a pool to go swimming at. Math and science. They seem to come easy. Calculus and physics. They seem to make the most sense. Justice studies. My dad was in the FBI and was a police officer and works for the jail now, so I hear a lot about law enforcement. I went into justice studies thinking that I could get through it but after a few classes I decided that even though it was really easy because I already knew most of it, it was too boring. I like to be more hands on and into what I do.				
<b>Programming Experience</b>				
Well I took my first computer programming class last semester. CS 139. We learn to write in Java. I am also taking CS 239 this semester. I like writing programs as long as I know what is going on.				
<b>Strengths</b>				
I was a pretty good pole vaulter in high school. I have a lot of common sense. I am really good at seeing what is going on by using my surroundings, not studying. I study little but still do pretty good in most classes.				
<b>Places for Improvement</b>				
I would like to become a better programmer.				
<b>Learning Preference</b>				
I like a class that the teacher is there for us to get help from and shows us what to do.				
<b>Other Concerns</b>				
No I am excited to start this class!!				

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Hours: 14	Programming XP: Yes	Job: no, I used to work at the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships but recently quit to focus more on school.
Courses: ISAT 113 ISAT 152 ISAT 131	Why:	I am excited to broaden my knowledge with computers!
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I enjoy computers though I don't really know much about them. I currently have a DELL but would really love to get a Mac. I feel as though they are much easier to understand. I have never really had any experience with programming. I am hopeful that I will exceed, with the right learning tools. I think applying math to other skills will be something I am looking forward to.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>In ten years hopefully with a secure job, beginning the workings of a family. I am very interested in travel, I will be studying abroad in Kenya and Costa Rica this summer. I will like to visit many places (possibly involved in my job) and cross off as many things as I can on my bucket list. I feel as though computers may not have a major role in my future. However, the reason I enjoy ISAT so much is because there is so much involved in science and technology which this major gives a full experience in all aspects. I am excited to learn a new genre of science.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Spending time with friends and family. I will constantly lose track of time just sitting at the kitchen table catching up. I also enjoy the outdoors. On any given nice day, I will be outside studying, playing sports, etc. I can definitely forget about the time when I am enjoying myself outside. I like spending my free time with other people. I am a very social person and I love meeting new and interesting people that broaden my outlook on life. My favorite class in college so far was ISAT 112. It is what made me choose ISAT as a major, and the curriculum interested me and made me excited everyday to learn in class. I really enjoyed the math classes I have taken so far. I don't really like math but seeing as I can always find the right answer, I like that I can exceed and know that I'm understanding the material. I thought I would really enjoy 231, however the lectures were very hard to get through. I am not so informed with the political aspect of science and I was very anxious to learn, but the class was very "on your own". I think it didn't help that I had not yet taken 131 first.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I think I am a very rational, practical person. I enjoy my life and want to make the most of it. I think people turn to me for objective advice a lot.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I want to be the best student I can be. I struggle in mid-semester keeping my pace but I have been consistently been improving and am planning for success.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I enjoy hands on, something that won't make me want to do other work in class. I want to be engaged and excited to come to class.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job:
Courses: GISAT 113 ISAT 131 ISAT 152 GENG 260	Why: I think it sounds interesting and it could be something that I will take further on at JMU.	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>My view on computers is that they are very helpful and I enjoy working on them. I would like to think I am good with computers but I am really interested in learning more about programming. I can't really make an assumption because I don't feel like I don't know enough about it, but I think I will be a quick learner because of my interest in computers. I would like to improve upon all of these different tasks.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>In ten years would hope to have a steady enjoyable job that has opportunities for advancement and in thirty I hope to have a good job that I enjoy doing every day. In terms of long term goals I would just like to be happy with what I'm doing (job wise), I would like to feel accomplished. I don't know enough about programming at this point to say that I will definitely have computers in my life in the future. I am interested to learn more about it so I will be able to decided whether or not I would pursue a future in programming.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>Reading for my own enjoyment, sports, and video games are a few things that cause me to lose track on time. Usually the longer the amount of free time the longer my activity. If I have five minutes my activities are pretty simple; check my email, watch tv, or check facebook. I like to get outside when I have five hours to myself, really any physical activity I enjoy. If I were to have five days off i'd try to take a trip somewhere. With five weeks I would travel for a few weeks and relax the other weeks. I enjoy some math classes, I am not great at math but I do find it very interesting. I enjoyed critical thinking as well because it came somewhat easy to me and I found it to be very different from any other course i've ever taken. Issues in Environment and Science I thought would be very basic and straight forward but turned out to be interesting because it went into much further detail than I had anticipated. Political Science. I thought would be interesting because I covered real issues not just situational examples but I found it to be a little slow and just too much information about our laws.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>Some things that I would consider myself good at would be; problem solving, games (anything really), sports, communicating with people.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I think all three of these questions all fall into the mathematical category. My weakest area would probably be math but I think i've been improving upon this subject and I feel the most desire to get better at math.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Interactive and sociable. Classes where I can learn from everyone including the teacher.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

	Name: <b>Frere, Samuel</b> <a href="mailto:freresa@dukes.jmu.edu">freresa@dukes.jmu.edu</a> 106778289	Major: ISAT Gosh, I am not sure. I may never graduate. I know that I am lightening the load this semester. Should be interesting. Overall, I am not a fan of my stay at JMU so my stay is up in the air. I could be in undergrad until I am 25 and have found a place that I like to learn.
Hours: 13	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I will be waiting tables probably starting in a few weeks.
Courses: ISAT 425 ISAT 321 ISAT 152		Why: I am literally taking this class because it is required of me. I am here trying to finish ISAT and that's where I am at.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

Okay, // my dynamic on computers has totally changed over the past year. I would say that I have never been a love 'em kind of guy but it was something close. Now they are definitely a necessary evil at best. I find them necessary though only for school and searching out answers to relevant life mysteries. Currently my computer is totally malfunctioned and has been out of commission since October last semester and I have been relying solely on ISAT computers and ECL comps. This isn't because I can't fix it rather because I choose not to make the time too or just choose not too. I don't really hit the wall when my computer is gone and I think this is a good thing because most of my generation would hit the wall. I am working on it. // I dig learning about computers though. I dig learning in general, so this should be fun. // I am scared to program. I don't think that it is going to be a strong suite. I will make it happen none the less. Thinking algorithmically.

### Life Plans

In ten years I hope that I will be working as a writer to produce work on environmental psychology, philosophy, and social environmental relationships. We will see. I may still be in school, or teaching. I may be a nomad living out of the back of my car. (The thought has been growing ever more viable.) // Thirty years from now I will definitely be a nomad. This world is too big and beautiful not to be. EMAIL :) // I like to keep in touch with people and find back doors to reading journal articles.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

Frisbee. I could play frisbee all day every day. Fishing as well. I also am a fan of reading. I could read or write all day every day without ever getting bored or tired. With 5 free minutes I would stare into space or have a conversation with a person close by. // With 5 free hours I would find an adventure or pick up a book. // With 5 days I would round up some funds and skip town heading south. With my thumb up. after all when do I have that much free time. It just wouldn't be safe for society. // With 5 weeks I would stay south. I love psychology, writing, philosophy, and biology. // Philosophy and writing give an opportunity for thinking outside of the box. Same for psychology if you use it to its fullest. // Biology allows you to study life. I dig that. I hated calculus at first. By the end of the year I really loved it because it really can stretch your mind. I got to know that subject and started to think about it differently and I believe that changed my mind. // Psychology at James Madison. I thought that I would love it but it is too concrete and I want to change everything. There wasn't enough opportunity to push the boundaries. I like to create new ideas not stand in old broken paradigms.

### Programming Experience

Unless you count making websites on Dreamweaver and basic HTML. // bad experiences.

### Strengths

I am a big picture thinker who likes thinking about small things in a large way. I am intuitive in a sense and like to talk through issues. I am someone that my friends turn to for conversation and an aid in working through issues, or just an ear.

### Places for Improvement

I struggle with balance. I would like to be more motivated to make the best out of my time here instead of being bogged down and depressed.

### Learning Preference

I like discussion classes. Classes that involve a good amount of interaction.

### Other Concerns

n/a



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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I do have a job, but it is at home and I only work on breaks.
Courses: ART 392 ISAT 151L ISAT 302 ISAT 321 MATH 237	Why: Even though I am taking this class because it is required, I am interested to learn about computers and broaden my knowledge.	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I generally like computers. They are useful and necessary. When my computer malfunctions, generally i run an anti-virus scan to see if that solves the problem. Other than that I have never really had a major computer malfunction, so I am not sure what I would do. I really cannot say how good I will be at programming. I have not done any computer programming in the past, so I have no basis to go off of. I think I can stand to improve on everything we are going to learn in this class.		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
In ten years my only plans are to hopefully have a stable job doing something I enjoy. I am not exactly clear as to what that job will be, but for my life I am looking for a career, not just a job. I see computers playing an increasingly important role in my life, but I am not so sure about programming.		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
I enjoy art. I am an art minor and can work on a project for hours when I really get into it. I love the creativity and flexibility. If I had five free minutes, I would probably watch tv or go talk to my roommate. If I had five hours, I would either try and get some homework done, go shopping, or go to a friend's house. If I had five days, I would go to the beach. I love the beach anytime of the year and it is my favorite place to go for a quick vacation. If I had five weeks free, I would go on vacation and visit people I have not seen in a while. Apart from ISAT, I am a math and art minor, which are my favorit academic subjects. As I said earlier, I enjoy art because of the creativity and thought that goes into it. I love to paint, sculpt, and draw. I really enjoy math as well. It is a subject that has always come easy to me. I like that there is a definite method and answer and is not wishy-washy. These two subjects, as well as ISAT, can seem contradictory, but I find it to be a nice balance. One class that sticks out to me is my freshman year to fufill the gen-ed requirement, I took a class on Gandhi. I did not know what to expect, but it quickly became one of my favorite classes. It was fascinating to learn the different religion, culture, and struggle of an amazing person. I am not sure what changed my mind about the class. The professor was so passionate about the subject and he brought it to life. I cannot say that I have taken a class at JMU that I have really hated or became indifferent about.		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
I am good with directions. I am very organized. I learn quickly and like challenges. I am a good listener and think I can read people well. I can cook and love to.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
Computers may be my achilles heel. I do not have a whole lot of experience with them and do not know a lot about how they work.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
I enjoy lecutre style class and labs. I am an auditory and a hands on learner.		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 13	Programming XP: Yes	<p>Job: Not yet, but I might be getting one a few weeks into the semester. If I do, I'll be working around 15 hours a week.</p>
<p>Courses: GISAT 113 GISAT 151 ISAT 131 ISAT 252</p>		<p>Why: Well, of course one of the reasons I'm taking it is because it's required, but even if it wasn't required I would still probably want to take it because I do feel I need to learn more about computer skills and programming because it'll definitely be beneficial to my future.</p>

### **Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn**

I enjoy working on it. When it malfunctions I usually freak out and get it fixed immediately because I rely on my computer for note-taking, homework, etc. I honestly am not sure how good I'll be. I've never really programmed before but I'm a quick learner so I think I'll be fine. I definitely want to improve on my mathematical skills and different ways to approach a problem.

### **Life Plans**

In ten years I see myself with a family and working in a job that I enjoy, preferably something that has to do with the environment. My long term goals are to stay healthy, live life to the fullest, and to enjoy whatever job I find myself in. I would like to be able to use computers whenever I need to and have a full understanding of their potential, but I hope to not have to use them all the time or be stuck in a cubicle job. I would enjoy a field job more than a job that focuses around computers.

### **Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics**

I really enjoy photography and automotives. I can take my camera with me anywhere and lose complete track of time. I can also work on my car for hours and do the same. I enjoy working with my hands and something that requires my full attention. The world seems to blur for the short time that I am doing one of these enjoyable activities. With five free minutes I merely just sit and relax. I take time to breathe and clear my head. With five hours I will usually take a nap or go outside and do something. For five days of free time, I would do everything that I enjoy; I don't find myself with a lot of free time so I would take full advantage of it and take a vacation or something. For five weeks of free time, I would probably get a job to make money and then head somewhere warmer such as the beach. I really enjoyed taking biology. I absolutely love animals and nature and biology often required using your hands, such as with dissections. I also took a "History of the Automobile" class and I loved it because it focused on one of my favorite topics. We went to drag races and held discussions about automotive topics. I knew I would be interested in psychology but as I started taking the class I became so interested in the class it was unbelievable. It was so interesting to learn about how the mind works and just about the human psyche in general. I have always been good at history and excelled in it during high school but so far in college, the two history classes I have taken I absolutely disliked. The teachers weren't interesting and the topics were ones I have learned about a million times.

### **Programming Experience**

I've never taken a programming class but I'm a quick learner and interested to understand more about the concept of programming.

### **Strengths**

I am really good at automotive work and photography as I have already mentioned, but I am also really good at proof-reading and catching grammatical errors. I was always an avid writer and my friends often turn to me for help on their essays. I'm also a very fast reader so I sometimes read books aloud for my roommates.

### **Places for Improvement**

I tend to 'procrastinate and I am hoping to change that this semester so that I don't fall behind. These are my first courses for my major so I want to try my hardest to succeed.

### **Learning Preference**

I really enjoy taking classes that are hands-on. I am a visual learner and need to take notes in order to succeed.

### **Other Concerns**

I'm a little worried because I have never taken a computer class in my life. I am not that experienced with computers or programming but I would definitely like to learn more. I was also recently diagnosed with adult ADD and have found that I have been struggling a lot more lately. But with my medication and the information I need to keep an organized lifestyle, I'm hoping to not only succeed in your class, but better my overall education.

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Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Not at school I do not.
Courses: GISAT 113 ISAT 152 ISAT 131 GPOS 225		Why: I would really like to learn about computer programming while becoming more familiar and comfortable with the use of computers.. I think programming is a very cool skill to have and I know this class will benefit me.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I will admit I am not great with computers.. After being in the ISAT program I have definitely learned a lot, especially with excel. I am not very comfortable with computers so if it malfunctions I tend to run for help.. I hope to learn a lot and acquire new skills in computer programing. I really wish I had a better answer for this but I cant see the syllabus.. and this class has not yet shown up on my blackboard account..</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>I would really like to be in the FBI. I think it would be extremely cool to be able to work well with computers, and if I am able to become more experienced with programing computers that's a talent that I could see myself using in my future.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I am a competitive horseback rider and I absolutely love it. I can be out at the farm all day and be totally fine with it, whether its teaching riding lessons or taking my lessons. For a few free minutes I would definitely choose to relax before running off to the next thing, I like to stay busy. I am also pretty artsy and I like to have projects (collages, painting, etc.) so I like to spend free time working on things like that. In the case of 5 days or 5 weeks I think I would choose to travel. My family and I really enjoy going on vacations, to go see new places or to go visit family. I enjoyed the ISAT Applied Calculus and in high school I really liked AP Physics. I don't want to say I am always right because I know that's definitely not true, but I can't say that any class changed my opinion much as the semester continued. From the beginning I either liked it or I didn't and it stayed pretty consistent.. I thought the health class that I took would be pretty interesting and I did not enjoy it at all.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<p>I have no experience with computer programing what so ever, however, I am hoping to learn a lot in this course.</p>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am extremely determined.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I think I struggle the most with computers in general.. I have the most room to improve by just becoming more comfortable with them and learning how to better use the computer.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I enjoy a more relaxed learning environment, not too large a class, and definitely an approachable professor because I know I will be needing some help.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I am just worried about getting lost or behind..</p>		

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Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I do not have a job
Courses: ISAT 212 CHEM 132 BIO 114 GREL 101		Why: I am taking this class to learn the basics of programming and really apply myself to understand this stuff.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I like computers I must admit, but wish I knew more about them. For instance if something malfunctions, I can pretty much figure it out if it is a hardware issue but all the stuff that goes on inside them is kind of fuzzy to me. I would really like to learn more about them because I feel I have this untapped potential when using a computer, but I just don't know where to start. I think it will be hard but a definite learning experience. I have a strong desire to learn how to and will apply myself one hundred percent, but am not confident in how well I will do. The syllabus did not come up for me.

### Life Plans

Working as a doctor with my own practice. I hope to use what I have learned to give back to my community and help those who are less fortunate. I see computers being used by me as a tool to help assist me with my career.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I lose track of time when I am reading. If I get into a reading I can simply forget how long I am spending on it and it will take me much longer than I had planned. If I really want to pay attention to the details of the reading, I can spend a lot of time on it, but I do get tired of reading after a while. I can be in any body of water for a very long and not realize how long I spent there. Going to the UREC pool and floating is one of my favorite things to do. I would never get tired or bored of floating. It is a great time to think. I like to spend 5 free minutes almost as a decompressing time, especially during the semester. I would spend 5 hours, ideally at the beach. I love the ocean and the sand and staring at the waves. It is the most relaxing thing in the world. If I had 5 free weeks, I would like to travel and learn to cook different things. I love cooking and trying out new foods. With unlimited resources of money, I would love to travel to Greece, Italy, and all over Africa. Five free years would be the best time frame to travel and learn another language. I enjoy taking classes like Biology and Chemistry. I am also in the Pre-Med program so I enjoy learning about the human body and how it works. I am also interested in the cultures found in literature. GENG 260 with Dr. Gabbin was scary for me at first because all I had heard was bad things about the course. When I actually took the course, it did command a lot of effort and time, but the pay-off of learning the subject matter was definitely worth it and my favorite class to this day. ISAT 211 was a course that I was excited to take and by the time I was about half way through the semester, I found it difficult to stay zeroed in on the course material. I saw a lot of flaws in the manufacturing system that bugged me and did not see the push to fixing them. This somewhat undermined the class for me, but it was still a very interesting class.

### Programming Experience

### Strengths

I'm good at adapting directions to all different types of people. I coached my sister's 4th grade basketball team and was able to convey ideas and fundamentals about the game to them in a way that I was proud of. I also coached the next couple year before coming to college, but I definitely had fun. Also, a lot of times at home I serve as a mediator between my older brother and younger sister. This home training has helped me to be able to communicate ideas coherently to different types of people.

### Places for Improvement

I struggle most in seeing the big picture sometimes. I almost get stuck in the small assignments and readings rather than seeing the bigger message of the class. I can improve in balancing my life and my studies. A lot of time, my studies bog me down and I do not properly plan in order to have enough time to study and still enjoy the things I like to do. I desire most to improve in managing my time properly because that leads to most my angst.

### Learning Preference

I enjoy lectures that engage the students. Not full discussion classes, but still something that is engaging with class time to do assignments and get help on them.

**Other Concerns**

I am just worried I will begin to program and it will all be foreign to me and overwhelming. I think with small steps this will be fine though and I will really enjoy myself.

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job:
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 GHist 102 GEng 248 Isat 252		Why: I am taking this class because it is required for my major. However, I am interested in learning about computer programming and gaining further knowledge about computers.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I love computers and consider myself pretty knowledgeable about them. In the occasion my computer malfunctions, I usually try a few different things to fix it myself and if I can't get it working I will go to a friend. Worse comes to worst call someone to help fix it. I'm not really sure how good I can be at programming but I think that if I work at it I will be able to do a pretty decent job. I am usually able to pick up things about computers quickly.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>I see myself with a family and hopefully a well paying job. In thirty years I hope to be living comfortably and happily. I plan to use computers a lot throughout my life but I do not yet know the entire role computers will play in my future career.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I often lose track of time when I am simply talking with friends about different topics and end up having long, in-depth conversations. I also lose track of time when I read, play sports, and listen to good music. Five free minutes I would probably spend catching up with family or friends and having a conversation with them. If I had five hours I might read a book, go for a run, listen to music. If I had 5 days I might take a trip to the beach and go swimming and just relax on the beach. If I had five weeks I would travel to Spain to visit my friend in Madrid. Apart from isat classes, my favorite so far would probably be sociology, and some general science courses. I enjoy courses that explore human thought and behavior which is why I found sociology to be interesting. I always enjoy science and being able to learn from hands on activities so that is why I enjoy most general science classes. I did not believe I would enjoy political science isat 231 because I'm not really into politics. However the class did a good job of incorporating current events in science and technology and their influence on policy. I really enjoyed the topics covered in class. One course I thought I was going to enjoy was music in america, however in the long run the course didn't cover the music I expected and was not as informative and in-depth as I had hoped for.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I believe I'm good at talking to people and listening to what they have to say. I usually get along with everyone I meet and hardly ever argue with friends. I'm pretty good at running long distance and ran cross country and track throughout high school. I've usually been good academically and I am a decent writer.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I struggle a good amount in physics when it comes to academics. I would like to improve my understanding of the subject because it is very relevant to my major. I also sometimes struggle to be outgoing and talk to people I don't know well. I would like to improve in that area and try to be more talkative and outgoing with people.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>I enjoy classes in which the subject is taught through example and hands on experience.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

	Name: <b>Lucchesi, Andrew</b> <a href="mailto:luccheaf@dukes.jmu.edu">luccheaf@dukes.jmu.edu</a> 106772498	Major: ISAT Hopefully, I just declared last semester. Including this semester coming up, in 5 semesters.
Hours: 17	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Hollister Co. rarely more than 10
Courses: GISAT 152 GISAT 112 ISAT 131 ITAL 232		Why: Well besides the "because it's required," I am interested in the subject matter and want to get a good foundation for programming. Anything with technology, I feel, will greatly help me in the future in and out of my career and other/future courses.

#### **Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn**

I like computers, however normally only use them for pretty basic functions relating to school work..if I'm having a problem that are beyond my abilities to recognize and fix I either have a friend look at it, or, bring it to the help desk. Eh not really sure..I've always felt like/was sort of told I was the most tech savvy person in the family so I'll do my best and hopefully do well! I don't know why but the syllabus won't come up for me..

#### **Life Plans**

Settling down and starting a family with a job I love. Continuing to enjoy working, and comfortably being able to support my family. Long-term I want to travel, learn lots of different things, maintain a close relationship with my family, and develop new as well as keep old friendships A large part. No matter what field I end up going into computers and programming are going to inevitably play increasingly larger roles in the future. By building a foundation on them now I can hope to make my future in the area stronger.

#### **Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics**

If it's something I find interesting, reading. I love learning new things when they're presented in a way that you can understand and relate to, or that just make you say wow. 5 free minutes- relax, sit down and think / 5 hours- go out and socialize with friends / 5 weeks- travel with family and/or friends to other countries History I would have to say is one of my favorite subjects. I love learning about other peoples, cultures, places, and things of the past and how they relate (and do not) to the present. ISAT 113. It's the only ISAT class I've taken and as an undeclared sophomore was the deciding factor in picking ISAT as a major. What I really liked was learning about the different applications the knowledge we were learning could help achieve. Although some of it seemed boring and confusing at first in a small simply mechanical scale, how the microscopic activity we were studying affected almost every aspect of life was fascinating. GBUS. I originally thought about declaring a business major, however once in the class the information and activities didn't captivate my interest at all and seemed tedious.

#### **Programming Experience**

#### **Strengths**

Being understanding and personable. Thinking logically, problem solving. Martial arts, drumset

#### **Places for Improvement**

Procrastinating..I like planning when and how I'm going to do things but then push off the actual critical thinking and work/completion part (which sadly happens to be the most important part hah). Once I get in a good groove I can get a lot done, and like my work to be done well, however pushing myself to start it ahead of time so I can adequately prepare and finish things I need and want to improve in. So I guess keeping myself from being lazy and time management are some musts.

#### **Learning Preference**

Definitely one where the students and professor can feel comfortable together with each-other. Where discussion and relationships between everyone is encouraged and one where there isn't constantly large amounts of work to be done outside of class.

#### **Other Concerns**

I feel LEAST stressed about this class so far because of all the obvious effort you've put into just getting to know us! It definitely shows that you really care about your students which puts me greatly at ease. I'm more worried about my course load/the ISAT major in general cause I've only taken one other ISAT class before AND it was only 3 credit hours..also I guess I'm a little nervous cause I don't know what to expect with all these new and different classes I'll be taking this semester!

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Yes. I was dishes at Dave's Taverna. I work closing alot so my hours a week change but appx 20-25.
Courses: ISAT 212 GISAT 133 ISAT 152 KIN 199 MATH232		Why: I want to learn more about computers. I feel like it could help me learn important skills.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I used be an, "I hate computers" kind of guy. I have progressed some since then, realizing that my negative feeling stemmed from not understanding anything about computers. I think of computers as a tool. When my computer malfunctions i try to get onto Google and look up the problem as best I can. (Doing this alone has really helped me to like computers more) After i have some info about the problem I try fixes that i find and go until i fix the problem, run out of possible fixes or get irritated and stop. I have no idea. I am excited to try my hand at it.</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>I really like soil science and have high hopes for working with the environment, particularly with respects to agriculture. I hope to have a job working with something related to soil or alternative fuel. In thirty years i hope i will have saved enough to have my soil day job and a hobby farm on the side. In the long term, I want to work with sustainability and prepare my fellow people for the changes that are coming in our world. I feel like computers will have a place in making models of possible agriculture/soil/environmental situations. I see computers playing an important role in winning support for new methods of doing things.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I like to spin poi. It has its origin in New Zealand with the Maori people. It is the practice of spinning a weight on the end of a rope in each hand. In the modern context, people spin flags, light and fire. Some people call it fire dancing. It is a little difficult to describe. It is so much fun. I also like to ride mountain bikes, and road to a lesser extent. I also like to go contra dancing. When I have five free minutes, I spin poi. If i had five hours i might go on a mountain bike ride or listen to some music and spin poi. If i have five days it is road trip time. I almost never get that much time free. I like mycology. I feel like it has a big role to play in a sustainable future. From myco-remediation to myco-filtration, each I very interesting. I have also seen some people use fungi in compost heaps and really cool ways. I also really like math. There is no grey area in math. That is very attractive to me. It gives me hope that i will one day be able to used math to prove to the public and elected officials of the necessity of change in our ways of doing things. Math. I started off math just trying to finish the course and now it is one of my great hopes for my work and a valued tool. I realized that i could really do the math and that i could apply it. Chemistry. A narrowly averted academic disaster. I didn't have a good background and I started behind and never really caught up.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am good at spinning poi, juggling, splitting wood and learning bits of spoken language. I used to be good at story telling but i haven't done it in a while. Sometimes my friends ask me to read their poetry and and give them a written bit of feedback.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I am very often inconsistent in my work. I will do very well and then terrible. I really want to work on putting forth a good constant effort and never letting things get away from me.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>One that lets students employ think new skills with projects.</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>I have never done any programming at all before. I am a novice with a computer at best. I hope that i do not start off behind.</p>		

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Hours: 15	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Yes, I work in a biotechnology lab for Dr. McKown. He does research on the enzyme Lacritin. As of now I am not doing any research for him but I wash everything and make any basic solutions he needs for his research. I basically just do whatever is needed of me. I usually work around 6 or 7 hours a week but it can be less or more depending on what needs done in the lab that specific week.
Courses: ISAT 212 ART 102 ISAT 131 ISAT 321		Why: I am taking this class because it is required as an ISAT major. I am taking it to gain knowledge about computers since they are and will continue to be such an important part of society. I am taking this class to become a more knowledgeable individual.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I really enjoy computers although they can be frustrating at times. When my computer malfunctions I first try to see what the problem is and then try to fix it. However, when I don't know how to fix it I usually freak out. I'm not really sure how good I'll be at programming. I probably won't be too good in the beginning because it will be new and unfamiliar. Since I study hard I'm sure I'll get the hang of it by the end of the semester. For some reason, the page that opened when I clicked on the link only had the course title but no contents. The course is not on my blackboard yet so I couldn't find the syllabus there either. // Without seeing the syllabus I can't really give specific areas of improvement. Since I have little experience with computer programming I have lots of room for improvement in all areas.

### Life Plans

It is really hard to look into the future because I really don't know what I want to be doing. I don't know what kind of job I want to have. However, I do hope that in ten years I will have found a secure position that I really enjoy. I also hope to be married in ten years. In thirty years, I hope to have worked my way up the career ladder. I would like to be settled in a nice house with a family. A long term goal that I have for my life is to travel. I really want to see different parts of the world. I also enjoy art so I would like to keep that a part of my life. It would be awesome if I could figure out a way to incorporate art and science into a career. I am sure that computers and programming will play a huge role in my future no matter what job I have. Even if my job is not to program computers, I will always have to work with them.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I like to draw, take pictures, and listen to music. I also really enjoy being outside on a nice day simply observing nature. I love the beach. If I have 5 minutes of free time I usually just take the time to sit down and relax. // If I have 5 hours of free time I try to spend them with friends or my parents, doing activities we enjoy or simply just hanging out. I probably wouldn't drive around too many places. Depending on how tired I am I may take a nap. Or I might go to the gym to exercise. // If I have 5 days of free time I like to sleep in and catch up on tv shows. I will spend time with friends and try to plan somewhere fun to go. If school is in session I will do the school work that needs to be done. I will also try to do a little extra to get ahead. // If I have 5 weeks of free time I do all of the above. I live in Maryland; however, all of my extended family lives in Pennsylvania. If I have 5 weeks off my parents and I will travel up to Pennsylvania to visit family. If the weather is nice I will do things outdoors. I enjoy art because I like to draw. I am a very visual learner and like to learn about other pieces of art. // I really enjoy math classes. My favorite math classes have been the calculus classes I took in high school because I loved my teacher. She was a great teacher and made the class a lot of fun. Although I like math, I did not enjoy the Statistics class that I took last semester. One class that I didn't think I would like at all was ISAT 231. Before this class, I wanted nothing to do with politics. I hated government when I had it in high school and I am not big on following the news. However, I actually ended up really enjoying the class because of the way it was taught. I had Dr. Tang and I feel that he gave very interesting and relevant lectures. // Another class that I thought I would hate was the gen-ed history class that I took last year. I've never really enjoyed history. However, the teacher taught the class in a way that made the subject interesting. I wouldn't say I ended up loving it because there was a lot to the class that I did not enjoy, but I would say that I definitely liked it more than I had expected. The teacher had really interesting lectures. I thought I would really enjoy my music gen-ed. However, I ended up really not liking it. A big part of the problem probably was that I was unfamiliar with music. I really like music but I can't play an instrument or read music so it was intimidating. Also the teacher moved very quickly. I had to drop the class and switch into the art gen-ed. // I also thought I'd really love my GISAT 112 class last semester because I enjoy environment; however, it turned out being just ok. I became frustrated because I feel like the teacher was putting things on

the tests that he didn't cover in class. My lab group was also difficult to work with.

### **Programming Experience**

#### **Strengths**

I would say that I am a very good listener. I am able to see things from different viewpoints and be understanding towards people even if I do not share the same view. / / I am also responsible and very organized.

#### **Places for Improvement**

My Achilles heel is being over-stressed about school work. I study a lot and I have a hard time relaxing and taking a little bit of time to do something fun if I know that I have work that needs to be done. / / I struggle at being outgoing when I am first meeting someone. I may come off shy because it takes a little while before I feel comfortable around new people. I also struggle with giving presentations, public speaking, and interviews. I think I have the most room for improvement in all of these areas. / / I desire most to improve with the over-stressing part. I need to learn to work hard to get things done but also not to miss out on simply living life. There are so many activities to do at college. I need to learn to balance my time better.

#### **Learning Preference**

I enjoy classes where the teacher lectures on important topics while making the information interesting and relevant. I like when teachers cover what will be on the test in class. I like when teachers tell interesting stories but not to the point where it is just rambling on and on without any substance to what we need to know in the class. I also like when teachers really seem to know me as a person rather than just as someone who attends their class. I enjoy when attendance is taken but I don't like to be graded on participation. I will ask questions and talk when I have something important to say but otherwise I usually don't say too much in class so graded participation puts pressure on me to say something when I really don't have much to say.

#### **Other Concerns**

I ask that you are very available for questions and help with the class. I like it when teachers are actually in their office when they say their office hours are. It is also great when teachers respond quickly to emails in case I have a quick question that comes up while doing homework or a project. If powerpoints are used to lecture, it is very helpful for me if they are posted a day in advance so that I have time to print them out and take notes on them during class.

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Hours: 13	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: ISAT 152 GHIST 102 GENG 248		Why: I really would like to learn more about the way that computers handle information and how the programs that we use everyday actually are created.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>Love' em, usually I know the functions to work around a program or the whole computer malfunctioning. I understand the processes but I don't understand how to set up the programs that help the computer run. I think I will eventually learn how to program and I will be somewhat capable of being able to program computers all in all programming is what I want to improve upon</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>I would like to work for a defense company or work for the government under homeland security. I want to be able to afford the necessities in life while also being able to buy nice things for my family and friends. I see computers and programming to play a major part in my future for matters of communications and in the workforce.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I really like playing sports and working on cars, I can play sports forever without being tired or thinking about what time it is. 5 minutes- go to facebook and see what is going on with other people, 5 hours- playing sports with my friends, 5 days- hang out with my family, play sports, play videogames. 5 weeks- go somewhere in the country to visit or visit my sister in Colorado. I really like history, I really enjoyed my science classes because I like learning about the stuff that operates around us and how they actually work. I took political science with an environmental concentration, which at first sounded like a boring class but after a couple of weeks it turned out to be very interesting and informative. I haven't taken a course that I have hated</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I am good at sports and communicating with other people</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I am not very good at math and that is where I need to improve upon. I really want to get better at working with technology and understanding the actual components of the technology.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Interactive class with group discussions</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		

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Hours: 13	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I work at lowes in Harrisonburg up to 30 hours a week
Courses: isat 252 isat 131 isat 152 gisat 113		Why: I really want to see if the programming gig is for me, also I would like to learn more about the IKM sector of ISAT
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
Love computers and when they do malfunction I try to see what I can do to fix them, if not I have a brother in law who can fix it. Im not sure, I am optimistic about it and hope I like it		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
Hopefully in a secure job that I enjoy computers are in everything so I am sure I will be using them for my job		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
surfing the internet takes up alot of my day, not really into watching tv, I like to fish, hunt, and be outdoors regularly or at least as much as possible. 5 minutes spent on the computer, 5 hours trying to learn something new on the internet, 5 days camping if possible, 5 weeks who knows probably spending time with family and friends History, I really like learning about previous events both in the U.S. and around the world. It is interesting to find out how similar stuff still goes on and nobody has learned from history. Biology, started to like learning about it Chemistry, very hard		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
Hard worker, I work almost 30 hours a week and take a full load of classes each semester so I think that is skill		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
I need to read the books more, and could definitely improve there, Also I am easily distracted		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
some interaction but I dont like being called upon on suprise, like anyone does		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
no I am axious to start this class and see how it is		

	<p>Name: <b>Crespo, Alexander</b>  <a href="mailto:crespoap@dukes.jmu.edu">crespoap@dukes.jmu.edu</a>  106501030</p>	<p>Major: ISAT I'll be sticking with ISAT. I'll probably only graduate in at least 3 years though, I have a number of classes I need to repeat.</p>
Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: Nope.
Courses: ISAT 212 GISAT 113 ISAT 131		<p>Why: Why are we here? One of life's great mysteries I guess. / / I'm taking the course because I'm wondering if programming is something I'll enjoy enough to choose as a sector and potentially concentration. I see a future in programming for me, but only if I develop an enjoyment of it. After my horrid AP CS class, I have to say I don't like programming very much but maybe this class will change my opinion.</p>

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I'm probably too addicted to computers, meaning I love using them for things I enjoy doing. Often, that's where you'll find me. / / When my computer malfunctions, like it did last year, causing me to reformat, I'll try and fix it on my own as best I can but if things are starting to get too technical, there's not much I can do on my own. I'll try to get to another machine to talk to people I know online and see if they can recommend something to me. I think that if I put my mind to it I could excel greatly at programming. Same could probably be said of anything I attempt to do. I tried opening that link in Opera, Firefox and IE and couldn't get anything to display. Maybe it's because I'm taking this survey so late on Sunday night due to not seeing the email you sent since it was filed under Junk. So, sorry, I guess I can't answer this one...

### Life Plans

In ten years? Hopefully an entry-level position somewhere related to whatever concentration I choose to go into in ISAT. In 30, maybe I'll have entered the video game industry somehow, that's what I'd really love to do. Unfortunately, I'm still trying to sort out my long term goals and outlook so aside from wanting to have a family, I don't know what else yet. I see computers playing a prominent role no matter where I go. That's simply where the world is heading. Programming however would depend on what sectors I choose now and if I go through with something like IKM.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I can play video games for hours on end. Doesn't matter what type of game it is, I can play them for hours. In the past when I did more with game modification, if I was in the right mindset I could sit for hours as well modifying and building levels and worlds. Now though, I've fallen out with that hobby somewhat, so it no longer eats time. I don't do Facebook or Twitter but I'm just as guilty of being able to sit at a computer screen for hours doing essentially nothing or importance. Given free time, I'm usually online doing something, or playing games. If people are around, I'll be hanging with them, often playing games or watching TV. I like history for some reason. It's pretty much the opposite of ISAT. Learning about the past is interesting to me, it just gets annoying when you have to analyze and write about history. I'd much rather just learn about it without that stuff added on. I took ISAT 231 in Fall 09 and didn't think I'd like it. I turned out to really enjoy it. Dr. Tang's lectures were engaging and interesting and the connections to our real world situations made the class current and topical. In high school I thought Chemistry was going to be awesome. It turned out to be awful because it was complicated and again, I had a bad teacher. My dislike for Chemistry has carried over since then.

### Programming Experience

I took AP Computer Science in high school, where we learned Java, BUT I did not retain any knowledge of the class, mostly due to the teacher being rather horrible at actually teaching the material, instead basically telling us to learn it all on our own, then do programs in class for grades in a time limit and didn't answer questions we had very well. I remember barely anything about Java other than "if-then" statements and "while" loops. And even then those are foggy. / / On the side, due to a hobby of mine, I have a very small bit of 658c16 ASM knowledge. It's the programming code used for programming the Super Nintendo. However, I do not consider myself good enough in it to program anything and since it's a dated and limited usage language, it's not of much help.

### Strengths

I'm good at leadership. I used to be a Boy Scout, and I held nearly every position a boy could hold on my way to Eagle Scout and even then I held positions. Outside of that setting though, there hasn't been much chance for me to do that all. I'm good with

computers. I know the basics of what goes on with them and how to deal with them if things go wrong. I also like to think that after playing hundreds of video games and modifying some of them, I know what goes into making good, enjoyable games. // I'm good at being a nice guy I guess.

### **Places for Improvement**

Haha. Areas to improve could easily be anything academic related. I'm probation for failing classes left and right due to missing assignments and classes. Given doing anything else I'll do that instead of what I need to do. So areas to improve would be to stop being such a stupid ass and get my everything straightened out. Once I do that, I can focus on improving other things.

### **Learning Preference**

Foremost, the classes I enjoy the most are ones where I like the professor(s). If that's in place, I can enjoy the class no matter what style is being done. I don't like big (>100 students) lecture classes though, they're too impersonal.

### **Other Concerns**

My roommate from last year took this course with you two years ago I think. Kyle Rogers, if you remember the name. He told me that you have a system where the students do a lot of self-teaching and that you don't grade until the end of the semester where you ask students what grade they think they should get. I'm a bit worried that in such an informal atmosphere, and with my track record being absolutely awful when it comes to self-motivation to do things, that I'll end up behind pretty quickly. Obviously I'm going to be attempting to change how I do things from my end, but it's still a bit of a worry.

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Hours: 14	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: Chem 132 GENG 236 ISAT 151 ISAT 152	Why:	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
Computers are very critical to my/today's way of life. I think they are one of the greatest inventions of mankind. Typically when my pc/laptop fails I take it to my retailer to get it fixed. I think i will do pretty well.		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
I see my self being successful and impacting my surrounding positively in the next decade or two. Computers will have play a major roll in my future no matter what route I decide to take.		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
I Usually if i'm not at school I spend most of my time at work or spend it with my family or friends. If i had five free minutes I would take time to see what I have accomplished positively each day. If i had 5 more hours i would go to the gym, 5 days i would work for free at a homeshelter, 5 weeks i would take a vacation. I enjoy discussing history and political issues across the globe because our past tells a lot about where will go in the future. My american history class last semester. I had an amazing professor who changed my opinion. Calc 236 was one that i took thinking i would love it. The course curriculum along with the professor changed my mind.		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
I good at working with people to solve a problem.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
I have some problem with constructing a well written essay. I want to improve on writing long papers while tying everything to the thesis.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
I enjoy a class where there's a dialogue between students and professors for matters even beyond the class.		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
Is this class challenging for people who really don't know much about the basics behind computers?		

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Hours: 12	Programming XP: Yes	Job: I plan to get one this semester
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 Gsoc	Why:	
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
I like the amount of information you can access with a computer and the internet, but the operating of computers overall is not my thing. I would say i am not very good with computers, but i would like to learn more. When i think of a malfunction i think of a virus or bluescreen. I am not very good with computers, but i feel that if i am taught well and if there is help available i will do fine. I would like to see a problem through once i start on it		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
I see myself in the future working at a good company and doing something like i like to do. If i could own my own business that would be even better. Some long term goals for my life are to have a family, travel, learn multiple languages, and make enough money to enjoy my life. Computers are becoming and important part of life in general so it will probably play a role in my career and in my life in general. As far as programming i will have to see how this class goes.		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
I like to read a lot, play video games, hang out with friends. 5 minutes- if i only had 5 minutes i would just relax and do nothing / 5 hours- in 5 hours i would go to the gym and hang out with friends / 5 days- if i had 5 days i would work out, read, play video games, work on my Italian, sleep, eat / 5 weeks- If i had 5 weeks of free time i would probably die of boredom, i would need something to keep me busy. I love astronomy and find black holes, stars, planets, and other things in that subject very interesting. I hated physics because it was a lot of work, but i think actually things you can do with it are pretty interesting. I like history so i thought the history class i took would be interesting but the teacher did not make it so.		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
I think i am good at almost any sport. i love to play ping pong which might not be a sport but it still takes a lot of skill. /		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
I am very test smart, but when you have to keep at a problem that is complicated i feel like i lose interest.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
I learn best if the teacher shows examples.		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
I feel my lack of programming and general computer experience will put me behind in the class.		

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Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 321 Honors seminar: From Black Elk to Black Holes Gpsyc 160		Why: Yes it may be required, but i think it's really important to have a very well-rounded knowledge. I could specialize in one field and accomplish many things within that specific area, but i think that people need to look at the grander picture. We need to see how one thing affects another, even though they may seem like completely distinct areas. This way we can solve big issues with a lot of different perspectives taken into account; which could result in effective means of change that would be accepted by more people because it is representative of several fields.

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I would say that I'm torn. As much as I think they help A LOT it's extremely frustrating when I can't perform simple things on them. I want to learn more about computers and a lot of the software involved but it's pretty discouraging when it takes too long or I feel like I should just ask someone else for help. When my computer malfunctions I call my dad, he got his master's degree in computer science at UMD. Sometimes I will try to fix it, but I rationalize that I should avoid screwing things up even more! =)  
 Hmm...I honestly have no idea. I think it will take me a while to understand it quite frankly. As i said before, i need to work really hard at things to get them, i am not naturally brilliant in any specific field. As long as i find it interesting, i think i have the potential to be pretty good at programming. I couldn't access this page...

### Life Plans

I have noo idea. Hopefully in ten years I will be traveling with a job that makes a difference in the field I want to enter, and still seeing and hanging out with my best friends (dream life). In thirty I see myself with a family, I was able to make some major changes (and more are to come), but my career would wind down by then and I would probably get engaged in some more hobbies to fulfill that bucket list, and focus on the family that I would potentially have. / Some major goals I have for my life are: to take the meat industry down (primarily Tyson's, McDonald's, and Purdue), somehow help the world get off of oil dependency and build developing countries with initial sustainability, and to improve water quality and overall negative environmental implications. Computers would be very important to create websites that people can use, to spread knowledge, to use geographic or computer information systems (which are beneficial in many ways). Overall I think learning more about computers could help me accomplish some major goals vastly, I am just not sure how they will do so specifically\*.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I lose track of time doing pretty much any outdoor activity. I can spend hours on end snowboarding, wake boarding, hiking, camping and being in the ocean or at the beach (pretty much outside in general). I also lose track of time when I'm with my friends, no matter what we do, and listening to music--I can listen to and download music for hours. If I had 5 minutes of free time I would probably take that time to talk to an old friend, or for reflection and just relax and think for a little. If I had 5 hours I would spend a few hours training for the half marathon I have coming up in March, probably see a close friend, and download music. If I had 5 days I would have a combination of everything but I would see friends and family a lot more, train for an hour or so for four of those days, watch some TV, have downtime, download a lot of music, and edit Wikipedia. I took an honors English class last semester and I really loved it, it was probably my favorite class in college so far. I also enjoy philosophy, sociology, psychology, physics, and political science. I thought I wouldn't like English and I figured it would be pointless, but I loved it. Everything about the course changed my mind. These authors all had the same idea in mind--change the world with a message using writing. I found it very deep, intellectually challenging, and even motivating to promote change in any way that you can. Also the professor was very patient and wanted us to learn, the class was very discussion-based, so your opinions were allowed to shine through--no memorization. I also enjoyed the ISAT 212 energy course and physics, i thought i would hate them because they are tedious in mathematics, but they were actually very interesting and some of my favorite classes in college as well. I thought that I would like philosophy and business initially, but turns out both classes were based on memorizing a lot of definitions and arguments. I think regurgitation material is hard for me because i am forced to memorize someone else's words, but they don't really mean anything to me because they are someone else's, not my own (or even someone I can really relate to). In philosophy there were some times where i really enjoyed it because it made my mind twist a good amount, but I did not like the routine of the tests and the homework assignments. Tests were memorizing arguments and facts, and the homeworks were

the same every night--read a very confusing piece of literature by a philosopher and analyze it (but evvvery night was the sammee rubric)

### **Programming Experience**

#### **Strengths**

I am pretty good with understanding people on an emotional level, which sounds strange but the best word I can think of to describe it is empathetic. I'm good at being a good friend and there for people when they need me, or just someone in general. I am a pretty good leader for the most part, I can pick out what special skills people have and assign different parts of a project to different people based on what they are good at or enjoy doing. Mostly what I pride myself for is my hard work. I don't consider myself "naturally smart," I work very hard to obtain the grades that I do and I think that will is essential to succeeding one's goals in life, not just the skills to perform.

#### **Places for Improvement**

I struggle in memorization and usually following simple laid out rules. I always seem to mess up on the simple things that are written out for you, i misinterpret things very easily and over analyze them--leading to messing up on things such as labs which require a specific laid out procedure. I struggle in math, although if i work at it i can be quite good at it (it just takes a while). I really do want to get better with my math skills and my technical skills. I think they're very important and that's one of my goals this semester.

#### **Learning Preference**

hands on classes that have some discussion base to them

#### **Other Concerns**

I'm a bit worried I will fall behind the other students, but i think i'll be okay. Just have to push through it and work extra hard!!

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Courses: CHEM 132 PHYS 150 ISAT 321		Why: Besides it being a requirement to graduate, I'm taking this class to simply learn more about programming and to see if it is interesting to me.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>Computers are my best friend but only when they are running properly. When the computer malfunctions, I usually follow the old control+alt+delete method and force quit the program that is causing the problem. I haven't run into any serious problems with computers besides that and if I did I would probably take it to a tech guy at Best Buy. I think I'll be fairly good at programming. I've never done any programming before (at least none I can remember) but I'm open towards learning how to do it. I wasn't able to look at the syllabus....</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>If all goes according to plan, I hope to go to med school and get my doctorate. As of right now, I'm leaning towards pediatrics and from there I'll see if anything else interests me. If my med school plan doesn't work out, I would use my ISAT degree and probably try to find a job involving energy or biotech and possibly telecommunications. Honestly, I'm not sure if programming would play any part in any of those areas.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I'm actually really into gaming, especially the Halo series and a little Call of Duty on the side. I can usually sit down and play a solid two hours of Halo when I have some free time. If you take it seriously (which I usually do) it definitely takes a lot of focus and communication to win. Over the course of a day, I usually spend my free time either eating, going to gym, hanging out with friends, or doing homework. Over a week, I probably spend the majority of my free time doing school work or just messing around on my computer (the same goes for a month and a year). While math and science are my strong areas, I do enjoy writing sometimes or learning about music. My statistics class last semester was a course I ended really enjoying. I thought it wasn't going to really involve any of the math that I'm used to but the stuff that I did learn was actually pretty interesting. My GHUM course last year made me even more indifferent about the subject.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
N/A		
<b>Strengths</b>		
I'm a pretty fast learner and it generally doesn't take many tries for me to get something down whether academic or physical.		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
I tend to get frustrated when things don't come naturally for me and that is where I tend to make mistakes. So I definitely need to improve on recognizing that things don't always fit neatly together for me.		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
Not too fast paced but not slow to the point where I find myself extremely bored.		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
As long as you're there to help me, I think I'll be fine.		

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Hours: 16	Programming XP: Yes	Job: No
Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 GHist 225 GAnt 195 GIsat 113		Why: Hopefully to better understand computers
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I guess my main feeling towards computers in convenience. Communication as well as help with work and school. I can generally pick up new ideas pretty easily. Some of the reasoning with Java class and object relations caught me up more so than C++. And compared to those who have some experience and do it on their own time, some people just have that gift. Creativity and design process</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>Honestly. Don't really know. In general, hope to be married with kids in 10 years and in a career I enjoy. Hopefully retired in 30 years. Pretty basic Not sure. Will definitely have to use them at least at a minimum level</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I enjoy participating in sports. Also enjoy the outdoors and just being outside if the weather is nice Minutes- Probably think about what I have to do for that day/week / Hours- Go to the gym / Days- Maybe go on a trip out of town. Start a mini project of some sort like something around the house that needs to be done / Weeks- Start a larger project? Maybe I enjoyed my psychology and communication gen ed classes. Behaviors and why they occur interest me Communication (Gcom121). I don't really know why I changed my mind. It was kind of what I expected. But it was a gen ed that I actually liked taking ISAT 211. I thought it would have more hands on lab stuff. Like more real in person building rather than just virtual replicas on the computer.</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<p>Basic C++ and basic Java. Both in high school. Both positive experiences</p>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>I like to think that I can reason around real world problems fairly well.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>I struggle with creativity</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Interactive at some level</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		
<p>Not at the moment</p>		

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Courses: ISAT 152 GISAT 251 GHIST 225		<p>Why: I hope that this class will expose me to what programming is about, teach me the basics, and how they can be applied and used in real life. I don't know much about programming, but I think it would be exciting and awesome if it turned out to a subject I could love and major in. The old saying "Don't knock it 'til you try it" sums up my relationship with the class.</p>

### Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn

I love computers when they work, but when there are problems I'm definitely not patient with them. Whenever I have problems with my computer, depending on the issue, I restart my computer to check if it's a recurring issue, then I restart and press F1 (I think) and do the walk through restart with the computer. It's tough to say because I have literally no experience with programming, but I imagine that I'll be able to do pretty well! I know that I can learn this material and I'm willing to put in extra study time to make sure I fully understand the material. Thinking algorithmically is something I'm going to need to focus really hard to do. Depending on math concepts to determine solutions is something I will struggle with, but hopefully I will improve upon by doing my best in the class.

### Life Plans

In ten years I see myself working and hopefully supporting a family. I hope that I will have moved into some sort of management within the company I work for. / In thirty years I hope to be working still, but preferably in upper management. I think my main goal in life is to be able to afford traveling the world and to be able to support whatever my childrens' dreams are. They are already playing a large role in my life here at school. I wouldn't be able to pass 90% of my classes without one. I imagine that computers are going to a large role in my career life by means of communication and data storage.

### Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics

I love to read and if it's a good book then I can read it straight through. I also enjoy playing basketball. I was an endurance runner in high school so I can play for a couple of hours on end. If I have 5 free minutes, I would most likely take the time to read for a class, or if I don't have too much homework I'll sit still and people watch. / If I had 5 free hours, I would definitely go to the gym, get something to eat, work on homework, and if I'm lucky I might take a nap. / If I had 5 free days I would probably take a trip home and catch up with my parents. I would also likely go visit friends at other Universities, and I would sleep a lot too, that's for sure. I think I would practice guitar, run, and read a lot as well. / If I had 5 free weeks, I would be worried. Something would have to be wrong for me to have 5 free weeks, but assuming everything was ok, I would hopefully have attempted to arrange to work during the 5 weeks. If I could do what I really want during that time however, I would take a trip to Europe. I've been to Italy twice and I would love to go back! I really enjoyed a literature class I took last semester. My professor was great, and we read some pretty good books that were a nice change from the science nature of the ISAT curriculum. I also enjoyed my Biology and Chemistry classes, but that is part of the reason I'm and ISAT major, because I enjoy those topics. I think professors can really make a course. The literature classics I took last semester really surprised me. Some of the books just didn't appeal to me, but my professor was great, and the books turned out to be pretty good. Applied Calculus. I took it first semester of my freshmen year, and I thought I would be able to handle it fine but my professor made the course rather difficult for us.

### Programming Experience

### Strengths

I'm good at communicating with people, and a lot of times it kind of becomes my responsibility to get all of my friends together for dinners or parties on weekends. I'm very outgoing and I think that it makes people turn to me as leader.

### Places for Improvement

I'm not a strong math student. It's just too dry of a subject. I like to use my imagination and math classes are too strict when it comes to following the rules. Of course I would like to improve my math skills, but honestly I'm not willing to spend too much time practicing it.

**Learning Preference**

I've always been a fan of the Socratic Seminar. I like to share my ideas and listen to others'. I just hope that my professors are willing to listen to my questions in classes. I prefer to create actual relationships with professors and classmates rather than just see them two or three times a week to get work done.

**Other Concerns**

I would like you to know that I'm excited to meet you and learn as much as I can about programming. It's a whole new terrain for me!

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Courses: ISAT 212 ISAT 253 GHUM 200 GHTH 100		Why: I like how ISAT prepares you in many different learning areas. Math and science classes date back to elementary school, so I am excited to explore new waters.
<b>Attitude, Expectations, Things to Learn</b>		
<p>I am a fan of computers and technology in general. I have a Dell and have had trouble over the last year or so, but its still running: battery (new) won't hold a charge, initial speaker problems that resolved themselves, viruses occasionally but nothing serious. I think I will do ok. I am pretty good with computers and a quick learner. I have done other things on computers such as AutoCAD and other such programs, and it came pretty easy to figure out different patterns and languages. I could not open the link...</p>		
<b>Life Plans</b>		
<p>There are two options people tend to look at in life: make lots of money or change the world. I haven't decided which one of these is more realistic for me, or a plausible way to do both. Hopefully I can find a way to make a decent living by doing something that will benefit the world, as well as raise a family. Computers are gonna be a roll in any career or personal interest in many aspects. I like computers and have been introduced to what potential they bring and the possibilities that have yet to be achieved.</p>		
<b>Turn-ons, Free Time, Academics</b>		
<p>I play guitar, so from time to time I will zone out and end up playing for much longer than originally intended. Also, I am a founding father of the new fraternity on campus, Delta Sigma Phi, so that takes up a good amount of time, and often unpredictable as to how much exactly. 5-10 mins: check emails, listen to music, guitar, quick tasks etc / 5 hours- most likely a nap if I have nothing to do, or be in the library if school is in session / 5 days- all of the above. the little things fill in the gaps of school, planned activities, daily routines, etc. Things come together / 5 weeks- have a somewhat goal as to what is going on in that time, make a plan or outline, try and get it done sciences, math (to an extent), music, sociology ISAT 251. Physics was what I thought was going to be the death of me. I struggled throughout the semester and truly realized what it took to be in a real college level course. I managed to pull a B in the class, and after the fact noticed myself relating things back to physics in my everyday life Music in General Culture (GMUS 200)- I expected it to be more music appreciation but it focused on aspects of music that I had not been familiar with previous to the class</p>		
<b>Programming Experience</b>		
<b>Strengths</b>		
<p>Getting things done. It may not always be my best work, but I hate to see things go undone. I try to do it to the best of my ability most of the time, but sometimes come up short.</p>		
<b>Places for Improvement</b>		
<p>Organization and procrastination. I am slowly getting better throughout this year, but still have some work to do.</p>		
<b>Learning Preference</b>		
<p>Interactive, lots of participation, interesting lectures, PowerPoints</p>		
<b>Other Concerns</b>		