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When I first started to need statistics for my studies, I did not want to change my programming language (at the time [visual basic](#)), so I implemented every function I needed myself. And since I then had a much deeper understanding of the functions I was using, I soon started to automate most statistical questions.

Even though this probably kind of stupid, as I spend much more time automating than I would have needed (and the people reading my results really did not like my automated file system), this made me think much more about how to use each function than most of my fellow students did.

There are not very many statistics courses at my old university, so it took some time until I took a more complicated statistical lecture. And the biggest drawback was, that this lecture collided with not only 1, but 2 different lectures I wanted to take, both sadly having higher priority than statistics. I took the lecture anyway, but without attending the actual lecture and I am way too proud of me not only passing, but of me finishing as third best in my semester (see [my grades](#)).