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First Week of School E-mails

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This year has been crazy! It seems 2020 is going to leave no stone unturned. I am sure there will be a few more surprises.

I am glad that I have been able to work from home. It is a real-life saver. I am happy that the virus has not affected my job, but it has been hard not having day-care and school.

With the first week of school starting it has been hectic to say the least. It seems that the kids never want to give me a break! I have been setting time aside in the mornings to get my schoolwork in. However, working two full-time positions makes having any time outside of work and family extremely challenging. I am going to feel so fulfilled when this degree is finally complete.

This Summer session I am taking Short Form writing and Designing Careers. I think short form writing will help me with my game story development. The story is the single most important aspect of any game, so I am happy to improve my writing! I know it’ll help!

Right now, I think I only have another two years, but with the way things are, I am sure there will be roadblocks along the way to finishing. Always just above drowning!   
Well, I hope everything is well. How is everyone there? Are you doing well with your classes? Let me know when you are going to be in my area so we can go out to dinner. I miss having you around!

Ricky

First Week Introduction

Good morning Professor! I hope you are doing well this year. I am sure things have not been easy for you! This year has been so insane! COVID-19, the economy, riots, and change! I am glad that online learning has not suffered from all the negatives.

Anyway, I just wanted to take some time to introduce myself to you this semester. I was looking at my class schedule over the next couple of semesters. It looks I will have you for multiple classes, so I really wanted to share some background. It is always amazing to meet other game developers and engineers.

So, Hi, I am Ricky Eckhardt! I am a passionate software engineer and game developer. My major motivation and drive come from the want to create. I call myself an artist both online and offline. I am equally at home creating on the web as on a canvas. Creation, bringing something into this world from nothing, is why I live.

Waking up every day with the infinite possibility of creation is what gets me out of bed. I love to fire up an editor, notepad, grab a sheet of paper, or a canvas and just give birth to an idea. It is truly something to live for.

Past that, I absolutely love informal learning. I am an avid book nerd, but only for technical non-fiction works. I do spend my nights and weekends learning, growing, and trying to stay relevant in an ever-changing world; it is not easy!

In addition, I am also a father of many, a nerd, and a loving husband. I work two full-time positions now as a full-stack engineer. I am pursuing this degree in Game Programming simply to further my education. It has been a dream of mine to attend the Academy of Art for close to twenty years.

It’s truly an honor to finally bring my dream to reality. I look forward to working with you over the next few semesters. If there is anything you need do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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What’s up! How’s life?

It’s been a long time. I know all is well, but I wanted to just check in with your semester. It’s kind of weird to send an e-mail in 2020, but I akin it to writing a letter 20-30 years ago.

I am not sure who still writes email or letters for that matter. By the time you get his letter, read it, and reply a whole life could have come and gone.

Anyway, I just wanted to say I am here if you need anything with your first week of school. I just started my summer classes. I am taking Designing Careers and Short Form Writing.

It’s crazy that we pay for school and ask to be taught the most simplistic of subjects. Half the time I feel like I am paying a proctor to just baby sit me reading or doing homework.

As an adult, it’s been hard to wrap my head around a lot of it. With the family and all, it just seems weird; it is hard to wrap my heading around why I am evening going in the first place? I know it’s a personal goal, but professionally I doubt it’ll change much.

I am sure you’re doing a lot better with it all. You are always better at school then me. You used to get straight As and I am sure that’s carried to your college career.

Well, let me know the next time you are in town. I’d love to take you for drinks and dinner. There is a fantastic coffee shop just a few miles from my house. The make the best mocha I’ve had. For May the 4th, they made an awesome Yodamocha. It was a mocha with green dye and a light saber straw! Pretty awesome. You would have loved it.

Let me know if you need anything! Never hesitate to reach out if you are bored or lonely! I am always here.

Ricky

Reflection

My three emails were to a parent, a teacher, and a friend. I set the tone for family, by keeping everything macro. I never dive into too much detail about any one thing. You can pick up the tone of the e-mail via discussing all aspects of my life, complaining little, and staying on point.

For my second email I set the tone for the teacher that I was a passionate, driven, student hell bent on achieving my goals.

Lastly, I wrote an email to a friend. I gave more of a real opinion in the last e-mail. For me personally I complain to friends, but never family per say.

It was a challenging assignment, because I truly just do not write emails anymore. I don’t see the validity of emails any longer with so many other sharing platforms. It’s so easy to reach everyone, there just isn’t a need past marketing to write emails.

I think the tones of each piece is fairly inline with what I imagined.