This has been a weird week for me.

I can't remember the last time I've been challenged this much. There are moments when I question whether I’m cut out to learn code. “Maybe I’m not cut out to be a developer,” I tell myself. This is my Fixed Mindset creeping in. I know I can do this, but my brain begins to play tricks on me once I hit the proverbial ‘wall’ in the homework.

Having a Growth Mindset is always important, but it’s critical to withstand the highs and lows of learning to code. I’m trying to focus on the process, instead of the immediate results, especially when the result ends in failure.

Everyone at the Iron Yard needed to have a growth mindset just to join the class. We’re all wanting to push our boundaries and expand our skill set. The ambition to improve is something to be admired. I try to remind myself that.

Moving forward with this class I’m going to try to compare my progress against myself and not against other classmates. Am I understanding more code today than I did yesterday? Did I put in my best effort? Have I learned from my previous mistakes?

Even amongst this failure, I’m still excited to come to school every morning.

I’m looking forward to next week.