

Last lecture

Although he tried to make it a diminished part of his lecture, I found his attitude toward death to be more shocking and interesting than the profound points he talked about in his speech. He followed his dreams, learned the value of being intuitive, creative, persistent, and innovative, but at the end of his life, he seemed to be blatantly ignoring the fact that all of his accomplishments, lessons, addages and advice would only outlive him as far as the people he left behind. He had no grandiose testament to his life and finitude beyond his effect on the lives of those around him and altering their experiences. At the same time, he appeared to treat his own experience as if it was second in value to that of those people he had been elected to leave behind; this removal of self from consequence and from intention is a mark of someone who has dug so deeply into life that hole left in the wake of his digging becomes satisfactory, part of, and dare I say more present than the digger himself. I wonder how his lecture might have been different, had he taken the time to step out of the hole he had been digging his whole life and looked within himself and genuinely asked 'what would it mean if I never dug this hole at all? To what extent would I be present and fulfilled. Is this all I am?

Mindset

I like that we took the time to consider why we are pursuing coding. For many people, it is a simple answer as this is the class I signed up for. It's interesting to realize that our intentions behind creating often have much more going on under the surface than we give them credit for. The way we create and express ourselves displays the way we move through our mental processes and our learned beliefs about life. Whether or not we believe things change is very directly related to what we believe about art. Do we create beauty in an attempt to change people, to open hearts to possibilities they may not yet know, or do we create art simply to let the beauty come into the world and have a life of its own. Can that even ever be deprived of the self seeking desire to become full in the process?

Learning style

I don't have much to say about the learning styles quiz. I think the questions were very poorly planned and I don't think the quiz gave a very interesting insight into the way we learn. It was all like 'do you like sounds, because if you do, then you clearly like learning through sounds'