

Though this assignment won't be particularly visually appealing, which as an artistic person is very unlike me, I wanted to share a few thoughts on why I took this course because I think it's quite a sweet story. My youngest sister, with whom I have an age gap of 5 years, adores computer science. She lives and breathes Python and Java, and she's always working on some project or another that never fails to amaze me. A few weeks ago she called me and, with the utmost pride, told me that she had won a coding competition with her friends from school. I think she is awesome. On the flip side of the coin, I would consider myself to be severely 'technologically challenged'. I can't even touch type. So, despite being a Psychology major through and through, I decided to take this course in the hopes that, by the end of it, I'd be able to inspect my sister's programs and share in her excited understanding of them. This course has facilitated more than just that. Over spring break, when I was back at home working on my APTS, my sister came into my room and grinned from ear to ear. I showed her all my work from the semester, and she spent hours looking through the APTS with me, explaining them when I didn't understand. Even now that I'm back at college, she calls me occasionally to ask what I'm learning in class. As the semester comes to a close I have realised that coding really isn't as inaccessible as it can appear to be. Despite my lack of prior exposure to Python, this class has revealed how quickly you can learn to build something useful, and even creative, with just a few lines of code. More important to me, however, is how bonding this class has been for my sister and I. I will never be a computer wizz like her, but now I can be part of her passion in some way and actually comprehend what goes behind all her robots and puzzle games.