Me: Before

My first experiences with technology fell into gaming when I was around four or five years old. The first two platforms I can remember playing on was our home computer which was located in our upstairs loft and our Nintendo 64 that my sister and I “purchased” together with our birthday money. We played the usually Super Mario 64, Donkey Kong, Super Smash Bros and so on and although my sister spent more time on the computer than I since she was older and understood a little bit more than myself, I still tried to play my father’s games such as Splinter Cell game types. At my age, I found console technology much easier to navigate compared to the PC, and I for sure weren’t using any tools and if I did it was by accident.

I wouldn’t say I have had much actual training in technology per se, but I would say that I run in the middle of my friends when it comes to my knowledge, because I do have some friends that are informatics majors and computer science majors as well. I think my strengths are that I think I could pick up most technology rather quickly as long as I have the means to learn and interact properly with that object, but then my weakness is being able to take that knowledge a step further such as coding and using short cuts through the console and similar skills.

I’d say I have a decent sense for technology, but in my field of Psychology I do not think I will be limited to prospects by how much I know about it on higher levels than most. In a potential summer internship, I may have to use a certain type of golf score tracking software which I will have to learn that new skill, but it isn’t something that takes weeks of learning.

The reason I took this course was first because I needed one more science gen-ed class and decided if I was going to pick one I should choose the one that I would be able to apply to my life not matter the career choice I make down the road. In today’s age with how much technology is being implemented into the workforce I decided this was my best chance at learning some basic principles and skills that could potentially help me down the road. I would like to able to learn material and skills that will give me a slight advantage knowledgably over the typical work applicant if it is so desired and secondly just for myself, I don’t want to end up being the typical middle-aged man who can barely use the technology that is coming out in my time.