

Autobiographical Programming Sketch

I started to experiment with programming in seventh grade when I got my first laptop. I would open the command prompt, type help, and see what different commands did. Soon I discovered all the tutorials on youtube and started to learn Python. But eventually got frustrated with the tutorials because they either progressed way too slow or way too fast. I bought a python course on Udemy and tried to learn that way, but it was too confusing, and I felt that it was pointless. I was learning a bunch of random functions but was never given an application for these functions. Later, I tried another online Python programming course from Great Corces but found myself discouraged for the same reason as the other course. That summer, I took a programming concepts summer camp at Shodor and loved it. Before, I had seen programming like math: It was kind of fun, but I knew it would be super important in my future. However, after the programming concepts summer camp, it all made a lot more sense. When I heard about the apprenticeship program at Shodor I was really excited. But that year, Shodor was moving and didn't have the apprenticeship program. Disappointed, I decided to start a robotics club at my school and put my effort there. Unfortunately, I did not do much programming that year. That summer I discovered edx and tried its computer science courses, but got distracted when I went on vacation. Although the course on edx was good, I wanted a classroom experience where I could ask questions and have projects; so when the school year came around again I was super happy to see that the Shodor apprenticeship program was starting up again. I applied and got in, and here I am.