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## Final assignment

This semester was more than a regular car ride; it was a roller coaster that kept me on my toes. A semester filled with different experiences and emotions. In the past I have always taken a computer courses that focus on one program and explored each ends of that one particular program, but this semester was unlike any other. This fall I had the privilege to explore media editing class. In the beginning of the semester I thought this class was going to be a breeze. I still remember on the first day of class, Edgar and I walking in to class roughly fifteen minutes late, after we had gone to Ihop for breakfast that morning. As soon as we sat down, Mrs. Kelliher quickly point us out to the class that we were late, for a moment I believed that she did not like us, but that changed rapidly as the semester went on. Media editing class had me on the edge of my seat all semester, trying new programs, getting head aces from computers, having no limit on how much work was done.

The assignment was a graphic and texts, the objective of the task was to use a program like Photoshop and play with picture and add a text. The picture that I use was a girl snowboarding down a hill, with an amazing background; it was a view of the open mountains, covered with snow and the sun setting. The program that I used was Photoshop, not only to add text but to play with lighting. I also took a picture of myself while doing a “one handed upside hand stand”, I cropped myself and added myself into the new image. To make the image seem more realistic I supplied a shadow. The text I added on the top of the image, where the darkness of the sky was perfect for the white lettering. Lucky I had taken a class on using Photoshop so I pretty much know what I wanted before I started. The assignment did not take me long accomplish but I did take the time to work on great amount of detail; like adding myself into the image and placing a shadow and moving it to a proper place where the shadow seemed like it was meant to be that spot. Over all I would have to say I enjoyed this assignment this semester, because not only did I already knew how to work this program but I could have done so much more to improve the quality of my work.

Each assignment I started with an open mind and the opportunity of doing something different from everyone else in the class, while adding my style and humor but after the first visual assignment everything went downhill. On the second assignment, this was an audio mission,

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were we had to come up with our own sound, well that is how I took it. Even though I am a fan of different type of music, I never went out of my way to download anything. I really never care to have all of my favorite music in my palms, but I did always know what was new and “hip”. My little brother is a music freak and my best friend is a computer whiz (no macs, just pc), they are the one whom download and burn cd for me. So for this assignment I had no idea where to start. I literally sat in the computer commons at school for 5 hour staring at a computer screen, playing with different tools and programs. At one point I had a mind grain and just wanted to go home, so I left school without anything accomplished. I still had no idea of what I was going to do for this assignment. Edgar had no problem getting this project done, he combined two songs to make one, I just did not want to do the same thing he did, I wanted to be original, and I had no clue how he did it. Well I went home and lucky my little brother was there from school, he is all about music, he actually wants to be a dj and he is only fourteen. Well he let me used his turn tables and showed me how to download sound that I could use. With his tips and help I came up with an original beat that was actually sick.

One of my favorite projects was the social network assignment, even though I was not too happy with downloading and learning a new program, that I ended up wishing I had a couple years ago. This project was in three parts. I don't remember if there was any real guide of how they had to be done or what had to be in them. The first one was a small graph, in this one I showed the people I text on a weekly bases, and how they all knew each other. The second one i used an old chart of my family member, mainly on my mother's side. I started it off with me and my three close friends and their families, but my family, on my mother's side over whelmed the graph. I actually ended up leaving people out because it was too much to remember or I had no more room to add them on the page. My third graph I want to connect the people I mostly talk to and my family, so what I did was I went through my phone calls that I had that month and made a graph. It was everyone I called that month and how they were all connect. On the graph it showed that I would talk to friend, family, my ex's and their siblings or mothers. The graph shows that I am very connected with everyone that I talk to and their moms. The program was not difficult at all, after five or ten minutes I got the hang of it, and ended becoming sad that I did not have a lot of time to add more and go overboard with details.

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The one task that I wish I could presented was the interface assignment, I somehow i had idea about this project bursting out of my mind, I actually had thought about his project all throughout my day at work, I even would ask my boss about his option on things. I end up with an application called iworld. This app would be on someone's phone and they could control everything in their world; world I mean their own little world and by little I mean everything in their home. We are now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, fifty years ago the American population thought we would be going at higher speeds and most people would have flying devices to get around. We are nowhere close, and lucky we have not reach a state where the world it over come with technology. My idea was that the age of controllers is now over, I hate sitting down and have three or even one controller just to watch TV, why not abolish the controller with a device that does not leave a person's hand, a phone. How great would it be if we could use our phone to watch TV or better, use blue tooth to activate the light instead of having to know where the switch was, or my favorite, use a phone to turn on home appliances or water. Personally, my life would be amazing; I could preheat my shower without leaving my bed or add more time the dryer with a push of a button. Realistically this could happen one day, and I'll be waiting for that day.

The last assignment was one that I really did not know much of, and feared that I would not know what was going on. This was the life experience assignment, and ended up using the fact that I did not know anything as my advantage. This project was to take someone else life and make sense of it, well I did not know this person, I just had pictures, email and tweets. So what I did was I looked for patterns, like in the first section I kept seeing red brick wall, so I make a chapter of just red pictures. Another chapter I mad e, was of people whom he talked to, I had no idea who these strangers were or what they talked about. It was fun playing interpreting someone else's life, it kind of made me think, is my exciting enough or how would someone else interpret my life. I never could get the this program to work on my computer, and I lived far away from school to work on it there lucky Edgar did not mind having me use his computer.

Over all I really enjoyed this class, the head ace were worth it and taking the time to learn something new became useful. Not only would I recommend this class to a friend, I would take it over just to perfect my projects. The struggles I had, I overcame them with determination and with help with Mrs. Kelliher and Edgar, thank you both for dealing with me all semester.