

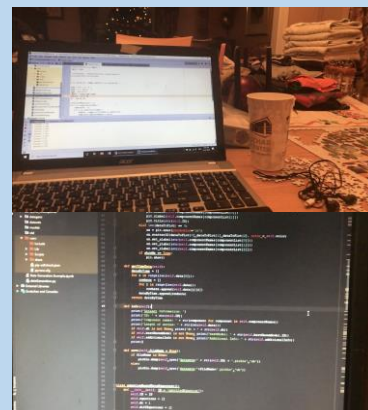
# ABGN #15

Adam's Bimonthly Grad Newsletter

## Click, Clack, Cough: Adams Who Type

I've been putting in some serious time with my pixels. Around this time last year, I'd probably spend an hour or two on YouTube, plus another two hours of Melee, each day. These days, it's more like half an hour of Youtube and an hour of Melee—that's just entertainment. Accompanying this reduction in "fun screen time" was a massive boost in the number of working hours I've spent on my computer for research. (Thanks for the new laptop, Mom and Dad!)

That said, I'm proud of some of the code I've put out. More importantly, I'm happy to have learned so many new tools for routine automation, seat-of-the-pants approximation, and web development. (Don't expect me to produce any Google-grade stuff just yet.)



Which is better: Default or Darcula?

## Colorado Ski Trip

The last of the Official Big Family Trips! Darcy tagged along for a trip to Breckenridge, land of schmancy lift tickets and impressive slopes. I got to see Omar and Abby, too!



TL: Reilly and Jared in PHX. TR: Omar and Abby in Boulder. BL: Slopes. BR: Bundled-up Family

## Home for the Holidays

In accordance with tradition, I came back to NC for the holidays. This year, Mom and Dad are empty nesters, and most of my Concord friends have left the area or have full schedules of their own. Still, it was good to visit familiar places and catch up with everyone I could! Special thanks to Grandma, Grampa, and the Raleigh Kuneshes for letting me hang out and play with Axel.



Left: Partyin' with the boiz + Liz. Mid: New Years bonfire. Right: Axel the Shoulder Cat feat. me

## This Year's Theme: Commitment

With these newsletters and my 1SE, I've been thinking about how life has changed since my arrival in Davis. The first year was all about establishing a sense of Continuity. I needed to sort out which parts of myself to keep and which to leave behind. The second was plagued by Uncertainty. Some destabilizing shocks to my newly-refined self-image, along with a healthy dose of imposter syndrome, led me to question how I wanted to live.

I think this year, so far, has been a reflex into Commitment. I'm committing to my research, to my flexibility exercises, to a new 'do. I've stayed strong in my relationship. I've doubled down in commitment to concentrated practice of my favorite hobby.

I see big payoffs coming soon.



Genesis 7, the largest grassroots melee tournament, is in two weeks! I'm goin' bird huntin'.

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