Interviewer: Michael Li

Interviewee: Azhar Hussain '19, from Dallas, TX, Econ/CS double major. Azhar gave this self introduction: "I am interested in web dev [web development] and smartphone programming. I started programming in 7th grade and I enjoy making software that has practical applications. It is really satisfying to see your work have a tangible product unlike Econ or Math."

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Proverbs:

Java and JavaScript are about the same as ham and hamster.
Don't drink and root.

Meaning:

Explained Azhar, "Java and JavaScript are sometimes confused by novice programmers because they sound the same. In reality, they are very different in syntax and intended use. The parallel comparison is ham and hamster because although they share a common prefix, they are wholly different." (Who would eat a hamster?)

Root allows you to have administrator privileges in Linux, an operating system. Azhar said, "Don't be drunk when you are in root mode because you can accidentally delete your home directory in console. This has happened to many a programmer, even seasoned ones, and is very hard to recover from."

Classification:

These could be classified as proverbs because they are providing advice to novice programmers who may not know about the intricacies of languages such as Java and JavaScript and the pitfalls of being irresponsible with administrator privileges. These proverbs help novice programmers learn about what they should do and what they shouldn't do.