

20.08 Reflections

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1. Think back to when you decided to take AP Computer Science.

- What were your reasons for taking the course?
- Describe what you used to think computer science was all about.
- What did you think you were going to learn?

Ever since the day I was given an ancient Nintendo Gameboy when I was 6 or 7, I have always had a deep interest in computers, and how they worked. When I learned that there was a Computer Science class available on FLVS, I immediatly jumped at the opportunity to take it. I already knew a little bit about computer science before, since I had taken an online Javascript class for fun, and I assumed Java would be similiar. (They both have Java in their name after all!) I was completely mistaken however, and learning Java has been a lot different than I initially expected. I completely fell in love with the object-oriented programming model, and the class as a whole was very interesting and engaging!

2. Consider how far you have come from your first HelloWorld.java program.

- Today, if someone asked you what computer science is about, what would you say?
- Describe some things that you learned that surprised you during the course.
- When you think about the future, in what ways are you better or less prepared to deal with technology issues that may affect you personally or society in general?

If someone asked me what computer science is about, I would tell them it is about using your brain and a foreign language to communicate ideas to a computer with the intent of solving a problem. While computer science makes many people think of random, endless streams of meaningless numbers and symbols; it is really a lot more thoughtful and challenging. One thing that surprised me was realizing how

3. Describe a lesson that was challenging or interesting. What was it about the lesson that made it memorable?
4. Describe a lesson that you would like to see changed. Make a specific recommendation to improve this lesson.
5. What career possibilities do you see for yourself in the future? How might technology be involved?