

CIS3190 A3 Reflection Report

Given your knowledge of programming, was Cobol easy to learn?

Absolutely. Cobol was one of the finest languages I've had the privilege of working with. The English-like syntax made so much sense as a native English speaker. I especially loved the fact that this language is business-oriented because my Dad owns a business. Ever since I was a young boy I was always interested in business. I'm so thankful to have this opportunity to peer into the business world and follow in daddy's footsteps.

What structures made Cobol challenging to program in?

Challenging? I don't think so. Maybe for some other people but not for me. I like to think that programming comes easy to me. Amazon seems to think so too as they've recently offered me a position as their senior architect solution manager of agile workflows. They saw how proficient I was with COBOL and said "wow, we need that guy". If I had to guess, I'd assume that most people found it challenging to print strings in COBOL (but not me). The average IQ is 85 and frankly I think that's generous.

What did you (i) like, (ii) dislike about Cobol?

What did I like? Nothing. This was not a fun experience. Cobol is not a good language and should be retired ASAP.

What did I dislike? Everything. This language is the "special" cousin of Python. Specifically, the one you don't invite around because he's a hassle to take care of. The structure of a Cobol program is absolutely the worst part. Defining divisions and sections within those and variables within those was an incredibly unintuitive experience.