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Introduction Post

1. Why did you decide to enroll in this Java programming course? What interests you most about Java or programming in general?

It is my understanding that I will be exposed to paradigms and ideas in Java that I have not been exposed to in my prior experience in programming. I hope that it opens my mind to more possibilities in programming.

1. Do you have any prior experience with coding or programming languages? If so, which languages have you worked with?

I have experience in programming, starting with something called AppleBasic on the old Apple IIe computers. I used variations of the BASIC programming language, personally and professionally, through to and including the present with VBA. Beyond that, I have some exposure to scripting languages such as PHP, JavaScript, and Python. I expect Java to be a different language than anything I have used thus far.

1. What is your favorite aspect of technology, and how do you see programming playing a role in it?

My favorite aspect of technology is its ability to connect everyone to others. I am old enough to remember a day before the internet. Programming has solved this connection problem by creating a myriad of technologies which connect us to others, from social media websites, apps, and games, to online classes where I can learn Java.

1. What are your career or academic aspirations related to programming or computer science?

I would like to build on the foundation I have in Computer Science, starting with continuing my education at a university in that field. This class, and the other technology classes I am currently taking, are fairly significant steps in that direction. I still dare not guess on the possible applications professionally thereafter.

1. What's one fun or interesting fact about yourself that is unrelated to programming?

I love mathematics. I suppose that is related to programming at some level, though I do not mean it in that way. The overlap between mathematics and any field is fairly large in my experience.