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Exercise: Reflection

CART 253

This class has been enjoyable. I must admit that it presented a fascinating structure with video teachings and a studio-style format. I found it very engaging, and it enabled me to be more organized with my schedule due to work commitments. However, towards the end, personal matters in my life caused me to fall behind, resulting in some difficulty catching up, as evident in my last two exercises. Nevertheless, I am now aware of this and am glad to have the opportunity to catch up with the final project.

Starting the course was initially intimidating, but Pipin explained concepts very well in the videos. The structure of the lessons and exercises was both enjoyable and allowed me to explore various notions, fostering creativity and pushing myself with my code.

Comparing my first exercise to what I can do now, I feel a great sense of pride and even surprise. The course also helped me develop a coding style and a clearer vision of what I want to create. Reviewing my submissions, I noticed a developing style, a point Lee also highlighted, making the learning process enjoyable. Before this course, I had not fully realized the extent of JavaScript's capabilities. It was fun to discover new things and create with code. One of my favourite aspects of programming is witnessing the code come to life as I type, especially using the Live Server extension. There's a unique thrill in understanding the code and seeing it happen. Coming from a graphic design background, this offers a refreshing perspective on design, starting not in Adobe with visual sketches but with code.

One of the most challenging aspects I encountered was remembering to be more detailed and committed in GitHub. While I've improved, I acknowledge there's room for further enhancement. I tend not to organize my code thoroughly, and I recognize the need to add more comments for better readability. When immersed in my work, I often neglect proper spelling checks and spend less time organizing, aiming solely to complete the code. Additionally, I have a habit of diving into coding before organizing my project, causing confusion, especially when adding different states or endings. Spending more time organizing at the beginning could have saved me from going down these rabbit holes.

One code or effect I'm proud to have discovered and tried to learn is Perlin Noise in my first project. It creates beautiful movement and generative art, showcasing its versatility, even in website design. I've always wanted to enhance my coding skills, particularly in front-end programming to create designs and refine my web design abilities. This class has undoubtedly achieved that and motivated me to discover and work harder. It has also sparked my interest in Immersion Galleries, places that showcase immersive and generative art using code. I aspire to learn more about this and create more complex projects akin to those seen in places like the S.A.T or Moment Factory. Thank you for such an enjoyable class!