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Assignment 5

1. Originally, I enrolled in this course because I wanted to learn more about computer programming and I find teaching myself, or rather guiding myself through a new topic, to be a little difficult. Plus, I thought that If I learned programming as part of a class curriculum, I would be able to learn a more wide range of skills than if I were to learn programming though a self imposed project.
2. I had a little programming knowledge before taking the course because I took a game programming course in my freshman year of high school, in which we learned some basics of programming in python and, I believe, C++. I also had to do a little programming in my engineering classes in the last two years of high school; we had to use VEX and the accompanying RobotC to program a marble sorter and a ‘Mars rover’. Besides a formal education or use of programming, I tried to learn a little more about programming basics using python one summer. So, I guess it’s safe to say that I have a moderate amount of programming experience.
3. So far, I think the class is going very well. I enjoy the challenge of using my past knowledge of programming to solve the problems in each of the assignments. I am also excited about the coming weeks and learning about API calling and more.
4. So far, I have not learned much while in class, not including the use of the terminal to accomplish certain tasks. I have however learned a few things while searching for methods to solve small problems like formatting variables into a string which repeats a number of times based on the number of items in a list.
5. This semester, I hope to learn about what classes are and how to create/utilize them, whether it happens in class or while at home while completing an assignment. I also would like to learn something about graphics interfaces and how to program a clean and visually appealing graphics interface.