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Exercice 08

I think my favourite aspect of programming right now is that, as a fan of seeing results as soon as possible, I can navigate quickly based on my coding's effects. Going back and forth, trying things out, failing (often) and succeeding or changing ideas when an impromptu error creates an interesting effect is something I like working with and through. Something I really enjoy is the infinite diversity of elements and events we can create and trigger, although it is still a challenge to understand how to apply them. However, I like documenting myself and I am a fan of the open source aspect of programming.

One of the biggest challenge my newly acquired skills in programming have highlighted are my clear lack of competencies in copy/pasting (which I thought I had perfected through my high school and Cegep career), but also on writing conventions and syntax. Coding really feels like learning a new spoken language, and although I am loving every second of it, I can get pretty impatient when something is not working exactly the way I want it when I desire it. Learning to pay greater attention to details, and that there is a MAJOR difference between . , ; / {} () and even = and === is causing my ADHD brain to linger on for usually longer than expected (and desired). Nevertheless, I am proud of how much I have improved. I definitely did not think I would be where I am at today in terms of programming skills.

What I am most proud of was to be able to write my final project in an organized and tedious way using OOP states and inheritance. As one of our last modules in this course, I had a harder time understanding the principles of OOP but my project (read: Pippin and Dana) has helped clear it out.

I am already excited for CART-263 next semester. I am planning on continuing my final project through the holidays just to find new challenges and functions to work with. As a fashion design graduate, my goal with CART was to learn how to implement sensors and coding within tangible media. I am still very much interested in that, but CART 253 has broaden my curiosity towards programming. I do not know what my future programming practice holds, but I am having a lot of fun figuring it out.