

To the next cohort

Going into this class I had a decent amount of coding experience from other classes, but despite knowing a lot of programming I was still finding myself learning new programming techniques as well as broadening my scope on the topic. From my previous experience I didn't program as much with javascript and processing and focused a lot more technically, so moving towards more visual languages was a huge change of pace for me. I found myself finding new inspiration and ideas which made me want to keep developing new projects. My main piece of advice for those of you taking this class is to take lots of notes on how to use different functions in the languages you learn which will make it easier for you to reference back to when you are coding. This can make it a lot more productive since there will be much less time trying to remember how to use certain functions. One of the things I will take with me from this class is to have fun with your projects. Not many other classes let you experiment as much in this class and give you as much free reign with your project. It is also important to realize that not everyone is going into this class with the same levels of experience so it is important to try not to compare yourself to others and to focus on the improvements and strengths of your own work. Overall throughout this class you will have a lot of time to express yourself and show off your technical skills, but be prepared to spend time with the work in case you run into issues your first time around.

Best of luck,

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