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Reflection

I’ve learned a lot doing this project. While being mostly frustrated and angry, I’ve managed to finish the project just in time for my presentation. Saying this does not make me look good but after seeing the finished product, I honestly feel okay with finishing on the day the project was due.

When I started this class, I thought that PhP was very similar to other languages – and it is in a lot of ways -- but little did I know what would actually come to be later in the semester. I’ve learned not only PhP, the languages, but I’ve learned to be patient with myself. Also, I’ve learned to do my assignments a head of time because some of the PhP concepts are kind of hard to get. For example, I like how PhP connects to a database, then pulls data, then displays it in any form that you want to display it in – very flexible.

While making this website, I’ve learned just how much we need a language that talks to the server in a very secure manner. Protecting our user’s data is very important. Implementing the code that enabled me to have secure request was actually fun too. In fact, even though I had one table that stored all recipes from all users, those users could only see the data that was attached to their accounts. That was fun for me to program but it was very hard. This got me thinking: what if my website was programmed on a much larger scale? How much would I have to program?

Over all, I guess the main point is that I’ve learned so much during the course of class during the semester. I think the information that I’ve learned is invaluable. Learning the concepts of this language make it easier for me to translate other languages.