

Reflection Essay: the Meaning of Meno

In my year one class Game Programming with Python, I did not know much about coding with python prior to the class. But I learned many things this semester that have helped me be a better student. Not just about coding with python, but with real life skills as well. I learned how to manage my time effectively. I have never been the best at time management but with all of the weekly quizzes and coding assignments I have had to plan time to do my assignments on time. I learned how to solve problems alternatively and faster. With learning so much coding, there were many ways for me to find another way to solve a problem. It has helped me a lot in my other classes and in my personal life as well. It makes life feel a lot easier. I have also gotten a lot better at multitasking. Coding requires you to think about multiple things simultaneously. So I got really good at working on multiple assignments at once and doing the assignments well.

I immediately experienced growing pains early in the semester when reading Meno. It was the first time I have read it and it was a lot to take in as well. I have never been a big philosophical guy, so the theory of recollection and the paradox of inquiry was a lot for me to grasp. It made more sense to me as the semester went by. The class itself also gave me growing pains during the semester. Not because it was insanely difficult, but because it was all new to me and it was literally like learning a new language. So the most annoying parts were when I encountered a syntax error or just new concepts in general.

I knew that I was learning when it was becoming easier to do. During the start of the semester I was kind of lost in that class because we immediately started reading a philosophical story I have never read before and the theme for the class was coding with python which I have never done before. I knew I was in for a rough ride but told myself that as long as I paid attention, I would be alright and that's exactly what I did and I ended up doing really well. I remember asking a lot of questions during the beginning of the semester and being confused all the time. As the semester progressed, I noticed that I started to ask less questions and was starting to understand the class better. I got so good at the assignments that I have classmates ask me to help them with their work as well. As the semester went on, I started to get confident in coding and thought I was doing pretty good. During our H.A.T.S. project, I realized how much I actually learned from the class when I was the one leading the groups whenever a judge would come up to our area. At first I did not think I would be able to perform well with a professor present because I have never been good at public speaking. But when the judge came by, I took one glance at the tri-fold and realized that I knew much more than I thought I did. It felt really good whenever the event ended because a wave of self confidence hit me and made me realize that I can do a lot more than what I think I can do.

I do not believe that there is anything else to learn as this is the final assignment of the semester. But I know that I can use everything I learned in class for my future and spread the wisdom gained to others. I feel that I have learned more from this class as I expected myself to learn when the semester first started. I am definitely not the smartest

person in coding with python, but I do think I did pretty well. I do wish that the semester was longer or that the class carried over into next semester because it has been so much fun and I wish I could learn more about coding with python. I will especially miss my teacher and classmates as well. They are extra special to me because we were the class that won the raft race during Scots week.

I think there are many ways to know if I have more to learn. If I ever forget to explain a concept to somebody, notice that there are gaps in my knowledge, face challenges when doing the concepts, or when I repeatedly make mistakes. But I do not think that it will be hard for me to relearn everything again because if I have learned it before, I can learn it again.