Our experience with the exploratory programming tasks was relatively good. The first assignment was very quick and easy in Python, which is especially effective for string manipulation. The second task was slightly more time consuming as we wanted to ensure that our JSON parsing worked with all edge cases. This took some more thorough reading of the Python docs and various other online resources before we found the exact usage of the built-in JSON library we were looking for. The third task was very quick to complete once we found a GUI library that was supported on the Khoury servers, and the fourth task required a combination of reading docs, source code, and examples to accomplish exactly what we needed.

Overall we seem to have learned more about the Python documentation and online community than the language itself by doing these exercises.