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\Week 2

 The second week of code school has passed, and fresh of Friday's project, I realize that there is still a long way for me to go for comprehending javascript. Although the concepts are not too difficult to understand, putting my understanding and practice into the computer is another thing. I have spoken to my instructions about how to overcome the steeping blocks I faced and they said "Practice, lots of it".   This although didn't help in the way that I wanted, definitely gave me the push to do more at home. While I was overcoming the same concepts from last week, I also had new concepts to learn and execute on top.

For loops and While loops were a pain to undergo in the first week and proved to be the same into the second. The beginning of the week was briefly met with a quick rundown last weeks lessons and applying them in a more used format. Adding different variables and running them in a loop of choice to repeat, or ask for a new variable to be run until we had a quit option. My biggest problem I seem to be facing is mistakes and placement of loops. Then we moved forward to classes. Classes are what Mr.Kenn described as a container, that holds all the information for the code. Classes, in the beginning, were difficult to practice, because of the 'name.prop's that we needed to find to use for them in functions. Problems I had were not being able to get my variables to be coherent in the functions, whether it was to change what value is placed or to change the order. My favorite time was learning and coding the switch cases and template strings. Those were more comfortable because it was consistent with the ruling. I felt more comfortable because I was familiar with what i was doing.

I realize that as the difficulty rises i also need to do better with how I learn. I do believe that I might be lagging in class, but I know that I can catch up fairly quickly. Looking forward to next week

Week 4

The last week of August has come and gone, and along with it, Assessment day.

The last week of August was wrapping up the scheduled lessons of Python, and preparing for judgment day. Quite literally.

We were reintroduced to my good friend classes. And as we started Monday class, I realized I was not the same person I was in the javascript beginnings. During week 3 and 4 as well I realized how quickly the concepts and lessons were going by. The similarities between java and Python helped. This week with our classes and repeat arrays, I found myself falling back into old habits and problems from the earlier 3 weeks. It wasn't so much I didn't know what i was doing, but rather I couldn't apply what I learned, and do it in a reasonable time. Another problem I faced was the comprehension of return. While the different perspectives everyone contributed on how one can use return, it confused me. I doubt that the understanding that I have of it now is the same, but I am confident to say that classes in python were simple to understand. While I seemed to be ahead a bit in classes on methods used in them, I found some other flaws in my learning time in class. I have ADHD/ADD and although I have some moments where I may accidentally zone out in class, this week it was more difficult. With the stress of assessment, I knew I would have to change how I studied in my free time to make up for the information, I might have lost in class. When i study, I think that looking back and comparing my work from the graded work in class helps me line up the problems i did wrong and correct myself in my notes. The change I had to implement was more research of things I had trouble in, like examples on youtube, and also compare them to my notes and marks from the teacher. Project notes also give great insight into how well and how bad you might be on certain target codes.

The first Assessment went by very painfully, very quickly, and also had a very rewarding end. My fear, more so than being wrong, was not being good enough for the program when I knew I was good enough. I had a lot of mixed emotions about how the test would go down. Much to my surprise and joy, it wasn't anything that I couldn't do, it was just things I didn't manage to finish. Out of 10 problems, I managed to attempt 9 of them. Most problems were near or almost to full completion. Out of those 9, about 2 or 3 worked. Looking at how close I was to so many problems hurt my confidence. All the studying, notes, stress, and early mornings felt like notes at the moment. I was on the verge of tears for the rest of the afternoon. I did feel that I articulated my code on my 1-on-1 sessions, which is something I practiced more than anything because I tell that how I might believe one thing is described might not be proper coding speech. All in all, I felt like I did what I could at the moment, and for that assignment. Sometimes if setbacks occur, I shut down and stress myself sick

sometimes trying to right it. Even though there were frustrating times where I would try to fix a problem, I managed to quell my anger and frustration to move on and work on another problem. Just something I'm very proud of during testing, giving me a feeling that I can do better.

Week 5

Week 5 has been not only the shortest so far, due to the Labor Day holiday, but also one that delved a bit deeper into the world of coding. We started with an intro into the HTML while also reviewing its core parts: Body, linking, paragraphs, etc. For this week I took some of the strategies that I found helpful and applied it to my work ethic. I first got myself a bigger notebook. It was very helpful in making my note taking very neat and readable, more so than my smaller one. I use my notes more than following the code with the instructors sometimes because of my slow typing speed. Mr. Kenn's pull-and-code method was helpful to have each stage of the coding process. My next step is to invest in some textbooks and papers to guide me better in my workmanship. I see a few people in the class with coding books and how their performance in class seemed to be getting smoother. I want to be able to have that same assurance in my code.

This week we went over Forms and CSS inside HTML. This included a lot of FRONT work and design. It was website designing at its most minimal. Because it was the first week, getting things to work was less than getting it to look the way we wanted. As someone who loves creative work, I found this to be the easiest and most difficult thing, design-wise that I have done in this class. The form is the umbrella-term for the things it can do. Things you may see on an application is an example of Form. Inputs with both letters and numbers. Selections such as dates, checkboxes, and radios as well. My biggest challenge is CSS, not so much as learning concepts and applying them. Friday's test was to emulate the Google search engine. I was struggling with the design part the most. And when it seems like i made progress, another bug popped up from nowhere. This ate up a lot of my time and the result was very lacking.