

Reflection

My journey of programming started at the Interactive Media Arts program at Dawson College. Before that time, I thought that programming had a lot to do with math. I didn't like math, and therefore thought I wouldn't like programming.

I couldn't have been more wrong. The more I learnt about the very basics of programming, the more I realised how fundamental and fun it is.

I started the course with a little bit of knowledge of p5.js, but only the very basics. I have no problem coming up with ideas for programming projects, the hard part is actually making them.

At the beginning of the course, it felt like I was a builder with glue and popsicle sticks. There are unlimited things you can build with those materials, but I definitely don't want to only use those.

Now, I feel like my tools and materials have been upgraded. The more I learn about programming, the more things I can create, which is awesome.

I like how the course material was laid out and it was really *really* helpful. My biggest problem this semester was, well, the entire semester. I feel like my academic skills are still on the rise and I've gotten much better at being the student I want to be, but I felt like I took a step back this semester.

I think everyone had a hard time due to the circumstances, and I did too, but in a weird way. Although I had a perfect, peaceful environment to work from, and assignments that didn't seem too difficult, working was really hard. I've never been one to be hard on myself, but I was very frustrated that I felt so "lazy". And my frustration didn't help either.

But that is only one side of the story. I got to learn a lot of cool things in my classes and made some cool stuff myself. My favourite thing I've coded is my final project. As I'm interested in games, creating unique objects is very satisfying. It's like creating the blueprints for living, breathing things that aren't held up by popsicle sticks. I feel like I can make things that can stand on their own legs, and even walk around a bit.

Overall I'm excited, exhausted, and hopeful.