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Project and Portfolio 1

Week 3 in Review

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<https://github.com/ekaneff/Emily_Kaneff_Portfolio.git>

This week, I wanted to work on coding again, but this time I wanted to do more of the front end code. I saw a fellow classmate working in a program called brackets that made coding basic websites a breeze, so I focused my attention on that program and languages such as HTML and CSS. I wanted to make a website that I can go back to throughout my degree to use as a tester for different elements that I learn as I go along.

The first item on my list this week was to add a fail safe to the Cootie Catcher project I made last week. Going into that project, I had the idea that it was going to take hours and that the code was going to be really complicated. I almost talked myself out of dong it since I did not have faith in my own abilities in Java. However, after sitting down and thinking everything through, I realized I actually did know everything I needed to and the problem was not as hard to solve as I had originally thought. It turns out that all I needed to do was add a “while” loop after each instance of user input that would keep the user from entering in any other data than the options provided. Once I added in those loops, I decided that the project was finished. I feel much more confident in my abilities in working with Java after doing this. I learned that I need to stop talking myself out of projects and have more faith in my skills since I am much more capable than I give myself credit for.

The main project I worked on this week was the About Me site. Although the site is fairly basic right now on both content and design, I plan to make improvements throughout the final week of this course as well as my degree. I want to use the site as a way to test different skills I learn. For example, I plan to implement JavaScript elements as a way of applying what I learn from code academy and w3schools. I want to use it as a sort of “dumb” for all my little tests and tweaks. I know that I learn better when I apply my knowledge to actual projects, which was one of the main reasons why I decided to come to Full Sail. With this basic site in place, I already have something set up that I can use to test whatever I feel like I need to.

In this release of my repository, I created a folder for the About Me site so that the files would be easier to keep track of. I uploaded before and after versions of the cootie catcher code as well so that people viewing the files can see the changes I made.