Discuss each of the topics below:

* What aspect of Java did you find to be the most unexpected?
* After your first Java class:
  + What aspect of Java did you find to be the most difficult?
  + What aspect of Java did you find to be the most enjoyable?
* How would you rate Java compared to other languages you have learned?

Throughout this introduction to Java, I am happy with how much I have learned, even when it sometimes felt difficult for me. What surprised me a lot was how much easier it felt to understand Java compared to Python. It was also unexpected for me to see all the libraries that could be imported into a program. It felt similar to Python libraries. I do think it helped to learn a different programming language before Java since it helped give a general structure layout of how they work, and there are similar concepts. So that could potentially be swaying how I feel. I have heard that it is similar to C and C++, so it makes me eager to start familiarizing myself with them. I enjoyed many parts of this class, but I think my favorite part is JavaFX. It really feels like this brings the code alive at a higher degree.

No matter the language, I seem to struggle with simple mistakes the most. However, I do find the Eclipse IDE to be beneficial when working through and recognizing errors. Aside from the small errors, I felt that working with ArrayLists felt confusing at times, and I really had to think them through to understand them.

I was a little uncertain how I would feel about Java when we first started this course. But now I have come to enjoy the programming language, and I definitely prefer it to Python. I am interested in seeing if I will still feel this same way when going into our classes next term.

**Assignment Requirements and Grading:**

* An initial post of approximately 250 words is due by **Thursday, 11:59 p.m., CST**.
* Submit your post by clicking on the assignment link above, then Create Thread. You must create a thread in order to view your peers' posts. Tip: Create your post in a Word document and then copy and paste your work into the thread.
* A minimum of three (3) responses, to the original threads of other students, of 100-200 words each are due by **Sunday, 11:59 p.m., CST**.
* To view the rubric grading criteria, click on the following link: [Discussion Board Grading Rubric](https://content.bellevue.edu/cst/csd/rubricdbv3.pdf).