

As an avid Mac user, I have a deep appreciation for the 'aesthetic' that the graphic user interface brings to my daily life. I enjoy the layout and how everything matches with my phone. GUI is what I have mostly grown up around and have a deeper understanding of, which creates a feeling of security. The difference between the two reminds me of my knowledge of cars. I can function in my car mostly without problems. I understand the hazard and warning lights that pop up and fully understand what each button does on my dashboard. However, I cannot tell you how to find specifics in the engine. Or understand how to fix the inner workings when my car breaks down. Like my car, I know how to use my computer well without many problems. But when it comes to understanding interior design, I have surface level knowledge. This makes comparing GUI and command line a bit difficult because I am severely biased toward the one that doesn't give me anxiety. Despite that, command line is more interesting because I know so little about it. It gives me a chance to learn something new which is slightly more appealing to me than what I already know. I cannot lie, when I accidentally mash buttons and the page coding appears, it looks like someone hacked me and it scares me. I struggle to understand the organization of complex code and prefer drag and drop coding. But what's the fun in being comfortable? A little jump scare never hurt anyone.

When looking at the two, GUI has a more finished look. There are pictures and everything looks like it is meant to be there. Unlike in the command line where it looks like you are having an intense texting conversation with your computer to get something to work. A picture shows just as a picture in your graphic user interface while the picture isn't shown and it's link is mashed between different pieces of code. I can change my desktop background with a few clicks while I have to code a different picture link into the desktop page. While GUI seems easier to use, my common technology knowledge might grow through learning about coding.

While I struggle with the organization of code and what it means, I wrack it up to intentional lack of knowledge. I have access to someone who could teach me, however I never showed much interest in learning the behind the scenes of a traditional computer interface until I realized I could potentially teach it to kids who don't have access to this knowledge. As an Elementary Education Major, my goal is to take in as much information as possible in order to give my students a robust education. I am excited to take this class and step outside my comfort box. I can't tell my students to try new things if I never do it myself.