**Learning how to code.**

Learning how to code beginning with Javascript, HTML, and CSS was an interesting experience for me. I have always wondered what coding really is. You sometimes see in the movies that there is the “computer-smart character” or “the guy in the chair”. Their scenes are almost always them behind a computer, typing away at their keyboard at 1000 mph doing who knows what. I wanted to know, “What is that? What are they doing? Is that something anyone can learn, even me?” I enjoy learning. Learning a new skill, especially one that you can use every day, is fun.

Learning Javascript was a challenge for me. It being the first time learning a coding language, it was difficult to conceptually understand arrays, for-loops, and how to connect different functions. HTML was quite easy for me to learn. I thought it is very straight forward and it was easier to learn than Javascript. CSS was a bit of a mixed bag. I like to draw so I thought that designing using CSS would be simple. What was difficult about CSS is translating code into design.

**My very first app.**

The first app I created is called ‘Round the World. The app is quite simple. You can choose countries from a list and add them to the lists in the “your lists” page. One list is, “Countries that you have been to” and a list of “Countries that you plan to go to”. The app is written in HTML, CSS, and Javascript. There are three pages. A home page, your list, and a countries page with a HTML file for each. At first, I was trying to do this without creating a server. My intention was to make this as simple as possible but that just ended up making it more difficult for me. In the end, I used a back-end server to connect it all. I learned that sometimes when you try to make things easier for yourself, you’re really just making things harder or more difficult.