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Reflection

Firstly, as a beginner to programming and also, a student who has been forced to take classes 100% online since March 2020, I found that this class was truly perfectly constructed as an online course. Having the lectures on YouTube rather than live on Zoom allowed me to get through them at my own pace, I was able to rewind if needed which was very helpful and I found that it allowed us to use the live session time more efficiently.

My favourite part of programming is that you can see everything coming together on your screen before you know it. With drawing, painting, etc., it takes a while for what you want to create to come together, but with coding I found it interesting that, whenever I implemented something, I could see it playing out right away.

Since I am someone who had never coded before, it was hard for me to process all the new information we were receiving every week. I wanted to do as well as possible, but I struggled due to my lack of experience. This may sound like a negative, but I also appreciated how much was crammed into this course because it allowed me to learn so much within a short period of time which is much better than feeling like the course was lacking content.

Although I spent many hours on my final project, I was very proud of my "love actually" exercise because it was the first game I made where I properly implemented user control into my code, and I also enjoyed making the assets I had included in the game. I was also proud of my "age of aquariums" exercise since I found my overall concept to be engaging and I enjoyed the coding process.

I am planning to take time over the winter break to fully comprehend all of the concepts taught this semester because I feel like I didn't have time to fully understand and process all that we learned. As I am enrolled in the second part of this course for next semester, I hope to fully grasp the lessons from this semester in order for me to advance through the lessons with more ease in the winter.