

CART253: Reflection

This course wasn't my first time attempting to learn programming as I had taken an introductory java class at Concordia before. I hated that Java class with passion, the disorganised lecture notes as much as the boring assignments. But I was determined to learn programming and got into this CART class because I thought that it would offer a different approach to programming, which it gladly did.

Through the weeks, I saw myself getting more comfortable with the different notions of Javascript and this felt great because I had serious doubts about my programming skills after the java class. Maybe it's because Javascript is easier to learn (my programmer friends told me it's a better language for a beginner), or maybe because Pippin is a much better instructor than that java teacher (he definitely is), maybe I'm actually building up on what I had previously learned (I'm a slow learner, but once I have understood something I remember it forever), maybe I have more time to learn and practice now than before (I was working 50h per week and taking 3 courses back then...not doing this anymore), maybe this approach is working better for me (more practice, less theory, more freedom to explore and learn independently)... In any case, right now I feel like programming is a whole new world kind of like the first bite you take out of an apple. It is an exhilarating and scary feeling because it makes me hungry to know more while there is so much to learn.

I love programming as a creative medium. I'm also learning html and css right now so I hope in the future I can combine all 3 to create interesting experiences. It might not just be games. Though I'd love to make professional continuing education for health professionals into games and simulations, because they're usually so boring. I'd love to learn data art too and use it as a medium of knowledge translation to share scientific topics with people without scientific backgrounds. I'm not sure games would be my main medium though. I'm still not used to playing games. My parents never bought me games or toys when I was younger since they were more inclined in investing in making me learn new skills instead. They gave me books, foreign language lessons, martial arts lessons, music lessons, sewing equipment, cooking equipment, art material, pets and plants but no video games or toys... So it's still a form of entertainment that I am exploring.