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M1 Reflect

This semester, the first Module has been relatively easy for me because I have some fundamental knowledge over other programming languages such as Python and JavaScript, and with a little bit of understanding of C. Although initiated in the programming world, learning the fundamentals of Java still posed quite a challenge because of some of its unique syntaxes and coding structure as compared to my previous experience with other languages.

Compared to the very first language I learned, which is Python, Java is not a as human readable as Python. For instance, the syntax for member access such as “public” or “private”, are not straightforward for the uninitiated and might be a bit of a deal breaker for some people with little to no experience in programming. As a result, I can’t help but compare Java to Python as they are both object-oriented language but that a was mistake. Having to do so only stumped me further as they are both very different language.

Furthermore, although programming is all about learning how to figure out things by yourself, due to the nature of this course, which is online, it made it slightly difficult to learn new concepts. This is my first time taking an online college classes full time because of my physical condition. Consequently, it is difficult to manage my time from under and over utilizing it, let alone without an isolated environment without all the distractions.

I feel great passion that drives me towards programming but sometimes it could be draining to learn yet another programming language, let alone by yourself. But luckily, I am very satisfied so far with this course as it still retains some element of a campus class which made it easy to learn with simulated classroom participations. If there is one thing I can do differently come day one, that is approaching Java with a blank slate perspective. Although having some experience helped to some degree, but by having a beginner’s perspective and curiosity all over again, means that I could get excited learning programming as I had the first time I wrote my “Hello, World”.