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M2 Reflect

Reflecting on what I have learned through out this module, it has been increasingly challenging as we move forward with our Java programming journey, but not a single drop of my excitement ever diminished.

So far, we have learned how to use methods with parameters properly in various creative way. Such as drawing our name with the Turtle class by creating our own method, and also using the same technique by carefully outlining all kinds of shapes we can imagine. It feels like you can do anything with programming bound only by our imagination. Its sort of an infinite canvas that you can doodle or play around with using only your keyboard and thoughtful composition of organized syntax and logic. It is safe to say that one can be engrossed with his/her computer for hours without regards for anything other than the program and the programmer itself. I was a victim of this hypnotizing world of coding.

Furthermore, working with others with the same goal in mind, that is to be a good programmer, has been one of the best things about learning Java in this class. It is especially motivating to see others doing great with their own creative ways with a hint of little competition to challenge everyone and do their best (at least that’s how I see it). Compared to the perspective I had before starting this semester, even for a short period, I can feel that I am starting to take an understanding of how programming really works and its not as daunting as it once in my head. Really, the complexity comes from not understanding what you are trying to accomplish, and blindly going about your task at hand will only make things even more difficult for yourself. Just as every aspect in life, there is no magic on how things work, its just what you try to make out of it is what you get in return. Most especially in programming.

In conclusion, we still have a long way into becoming a programmer and learning all the basics such as creating a method with parameters is just another step in achieving our goals. I have learned more about the pattern of how things are strongly organized and deeply structured in programming than learning a basic concept in Java, which is even more gratifying. It is impossible to be a master of all languages but by understanding how things stack on top of each other is more important than the language itself.