

Exercise 08: Reflection

I remember the first time I ever tried programming. It was with one of those teaching websites that uses colorful blocks instead of actual code and you connect the different blocks to control the program. The first time was nothing special, I mainly used it as a fun way to dodge my homework. It was only in high school, when I managed to create a small escape room game for a class, that I started to realize how much fun it was. I never thought I would go into computer science and programming but the satisfaction of making a program from scratch was so nice that I decided to give it a shot and here I am now. Out of the 3-4 computer science courses I've taken, this was one of the best. I really enjoyed the way it was structured, and it made learning a new language so simple and easy compared to my other experiences. I will admit sometimes the course load was a lot to process and get done in time but that was mostly my fault for not starting the projects sooner. To be fair, I was adjusting to quite a bit of new things like living alone and doing everything by myself, switching to an online learning environment and adjusting to the university work style. I hope that now that I am adjusted to these issues, I can start spending more time polishing my games so I can be proud of everything I submit. The other notable challenge I had were simply some tricky bugs. I am still working on my debugging skills so a few of the bugs I had this semester really made me discouraged and angry. It's a skill I need to improve on but sadly bugs will always be a problem that you just have to deal with so learning to work through them will be very useful. Even with all the hardships, I am still proud of what I have done. Some of my favourite programs would be my exercise 04 and 05. I had a lot of fun making those games and even though they could still use a lot of work, I'm proud of the results. I am also very proud of my project 02 game. I realize it's not done yet, but I've put so much work into this game that I can't help but already feel proud of it. This class was a great experience and has made me excited for what's to come. I can't wait to keep working on my skills and make a finished program that I can proudly show my friends and family.