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## Reflection

It is both wonderful and impressive how my classmates and I learned so much within a span of three months. I'm thankful for the content that was taught, however, I'm most grateful for the manner each subject/chapter was introduced to us. The well-commented examples and the instructor's enthusiasm made it easier to dedicate my time to *properly* learn, especially within the present circumstances.

There were many challenges as well as matters to be proud of – they are two sides of the same coin. A particular challenge I had with the course was to remain confident and not be intimidated by the weekly exercises and activities. It's always easy to follow tutorials but a different story once it's time to execute on my own. I'm always excited to try out what I learned though! Knowing myself, I need concepts to be broken down into grains which is why the comments provided in the examples and course videos are extremely appreciated.

I guess my favourite aspect of programming are the small victories in the process. Obviously the final outcome is egoistically satisfying. However, the elements that have been programmed over and over again (for hours, even) until it finally works, then looking back to what didn't work in comparison to what *did* work is where the true learning and comprehension lies. These moments are what are most valuable and meaningful to me. The memory, in particular, that comes to mind is the week we learned about arrays. Programming my final project also comes to mind.

Finally, I'm looking forward to CART263 as I've effectively learned so much from this course. Throughout the semester, my focus was mainly set on ensuring my comprehension. Therefore, I am also very much looking forward to the holidays as I will have more time to experiment without the shackles of anxiety and due dates!