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PA 1 Reflection

Constructing a program is both difficult and rewarding. The rewarding aspect of the creation is even stronger when you are creating a program either for someone you know because you are actually doing something to help them. I would imagine that doing this on a much bigger scale in order to solve bigger problems for more people would be a whole other feeling. Programming by myself did make me feel more accomplished with the end product, although I missed out on having the help from an onlooker. I encountered a number of problems, especially because I’m new to the computer science world, and designing and writing the program took a good chunk of time. Having two people to move the process along is definitely more efficient. Two minds definitely are better than one in this case. The assistance is always welcomed.

I learned that I actually knew more than I thought I did. I was able to put together the ideas from class and lab much quicker than I thought, although working out the kinks didn’t come as quickly. Getting multiple errors when I tried to compile was frustrating, but after troubleshooting for a while I found that it was mostly syntax errors and undeclared variables. Next time, I’ll triple check the correctness of each line before moving onto the next in order to avoid this frustration when it comes time to compile.

Overall, I didn’t think this first assignment was too bad. I had a hard time at first, but was very happy with the success of the final product.