

Topic:

“Uses self-reflection/meta-cognition in team interactions and meetings.”

Evidence:

Weekly Reflection

This week I was able to get several topics turned in and I was very excited to get Hibernate to work for me. I found out that Hibernate is one of the first ORM (Object Relational Mapping) tools that came out and since then there have been much easier ORM tools to come out. Some of them will even build the XML for you so you simply click a button and it maps your Java class to the database. I'm wishing now that maybe some of the topics were more up-to-date with what's available and more widely used today. Not all of them are outdated, but it seems after having to gain fluency in them I've found many of them are or are becoming so.

Weekly Reflection

I've hit a stumbling block in my topics this week in trying to get some working code for Hibernate. I guess Hibernate keeps updating their API and I'm finding it difficult to find tutorials or examples that are up-to-date enough to use with Hibernate 4. I do feel like I understand what Hibernate is now and I think it's a really cool idea, however I feel that it's a lot of work for little programs and I see that it would be better used for larger scaled projects.

Weekly Reflection

The assignment this week to come up with an app idea and post the elevator pitch about it seemed easy enough until I started to think about an app idea and came up with nothing for about a day or so. What I ended up doing was going around to all my friends and family asking them for ideas to help me get started. Although I didn't really connect with some of the ideas that they suggested, it was interesting to see what different people came up with. I finally found my inspiration when I started looking around online for different app ideas and someone suggested an app that you could keep track of who owed who money. After that I started thinking about all the times I've loaned things out to people and have been worried they wouldn't remember to return them.

Overall this was a good eye-opening experience for me that helped me start thinking outside of the box and see what was important to those around me.

Weekly Reflection

This is the most different class I've had so far. I think I'm catching on to the concept of how it's supposed to work now. I've met with my team a couple of times now and I think it's going to be a great semester with them. It's been good to refresh on a lot of Java and how to use different IDE's. I think my main struggle right now is learning how to use GitHub properly.

Weekly Reflection

This week I had a breakthrough in parsing the RSS feed that we were working on for our team project. It was nice to have it finally start coming together and our app is actually coming along pretty nicely. I'm struggling however finding much about the Controller Application Design and also learning how to use Hibernate.

Weekly Reflection

This semester is going to be a crazy one for me because I just got promoted at work and I'm taking three different classes that I'll be doing a lot of programming in (which always takes time) so I'm glad in a way that the on campus version of this class was canceled and I was forced to choose the online version so there were no time confessions with other classes. Now I can at least schedule this class around my other assignments. I think this class is really going to help my branch out via social media from the sound of it, I hope I can keep up.

Weekly Reflection

This week I feel like I was able to accomplish a lot more than I planned. I was able to submit something for each topic and meet with my team and draw up some UML diagrams. It felt good to refresh on how each of the diagrams work. I've also been trying to learn how to parse XML with Java in Android and I think I finally found a good library that I'm excited to try out. I also rearranged my learning portfolio so that it makes more sense and got our group app to work on my phone. It's been a good week.

Weekly Reflection

This week I struggled figuring out how the GitHub portfolio submissions work and in understanding where we will receive feedback on them. Still not sure if I fully understand how all of that works. I feel like I'm starting to understand a little more about android development though after watching several videos on Lynda and trying out some of the code.