

Some of my language, things like "open GL" and "fighting NULL" and so on, you can skip it and be fine I think.

I'm not saying that software is terrible, though. On the contrary, people do amazing things. I was just glad to not be fighting NULL. (To me, fighting NULL is the epitome of why I struggled as a programmer. I am not a natural at it, but I wanted very much to be — and I found no use for NULL. I never needed it, but it was always there. I kept pushing it down, painting over it, shutting it up, constantly checking for it — "Are you NULL? are you NULL? What about you?" — and sometimes I would deceive myself that my problems were other things, but then NULL would pop up, I would find that it was the cause — however, NULL is never really the cause. It is someone you always run into in bad situations, someone you never want to see. NULL penetrates all the layers to find you, and can only say, helplessly, "Looks like you're having a problem." Endemic to the problem, not the problem, complicit, and might be the problem.)