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E8: Reflection

Your favourite aspects of programming

What I love the most about creating things, is when my creation holds some kind of purpose as it has the ability to be interactive and functional. When I am programming, I enjoy the challenge and problem-solving aspect of it. For me, the best part is the reward and satisfaction at the end when you have cracked the puzzle and executed the idea in mind correctly. While there are frustrating times where I would get stuck in the middle of coding, the whole process remains engaging and stimulating and worthwhile.

The most challenging elements you have encountered

When I face a problem that I am not sure how to solve, I get stuck for longer than I am supposed to. I am the type who, similar to how people open the fridge over and over hoping to see better food options to eat, will stubbornly try to fit a line of code in over and over hoping it would work somehow. I am well aware it is not at all a good practice, as I am wasting time going back and forth instead of looking at the bigger picture, going back through materials to find a solution. Also, I am the type who rarely seek for help, in hope that I can solve it myself. This semester the instance I remember the most is when arrays were first introduced. Even though I looked through the tutorials multiple times, for some reason I was slow to grasp it and still not confident in using it. I manage to solve it by asking a friend the solution, which frustrated me a little for not finding the problem myself, but also relieved me for understanding it a little bit better in the end.

What project/effect/code you are most proud of from the course

I am really enjoying and proud of how my final project is turning out to be. As I include old exercises inside the project itself, I am able to see the progress I have made since starting this course. I look back and see all the experience and hardships I went through to get to this point where I am starting to understand and hopefully master this coding language better. The final project is what I see as the end game stage where every experience I have gained from every level comes in nicely.

Your thoughts about the future of your programming practice

As I mentioned before, there are many aspects of coding I enjoy such as problem solving, creating and the satisfaction at the end of the journey. I am looking forward and willing to dive a little bit deeper into the world of coding and I wish to see how far in I can go before hitting a wall that is too tall and too much of a burden to try to pass through. Even so, at the end of the day, I wish to at least get comfortable enough with at least some coding languages that could help me with my future practices.