

Hello Revature Associates!

Welcome to **Revature**. Although Revature is often referred to as a bootcamp, Revature is not just any bootcamp. Revature is a school, a job, an internship, and most importantly, Revature is an opportunity to create career and a prosperous future for yourself!

Our mission at Revature is to train you in the most in-demand technologies as quickly as possible. Then we line up interviews with companies who need employees with that skillset. Your goal is to learn these technologies and ace your interview. You do this by mastering both technical and soft skills. Both these skills will be extensively taught and tested here at Revature.

Surviving the rigor of a 10-week Revature Batch Curriculum is not easy, but achieving promotion means you have proven yourself to have the work ethic and talent to excel in this challenging, dynamic, and rewarding industry.

My name is Mark Moore. I will be your Revature Batch Trainer. I look forward to getting to know each of you over the next 10 weeks and watching you develop into Software Engineers.

Due to the CoVid-19 pandemic and widespread shelter-in-place policies, we'll be entirely online for this batch. This online format presents unique challenges, but it also offers opportunities. Please use the online format to your advantage to be even better prepared for class, presentations, and online learning.

There are a few things that you should set up or install before we begin at 9am (CST) on Monday. If you already have these applications, please make sure to update your application. Your personal account is sufficient for GitHub or Slack.

- Download [Visual Studio Community 2019](#).
- Get a code text editor like [VSCode](#).
- Sign up for a GitHub account <https://github.com/join>.
- Join our class GitHub Organization by accepting the invite I send you. My demo code, lecture presentations, your solutions to coding assignments, weekly curriculum, projects, etc, will be shared through GitHub.
- Join our Slack [Workspace](#) (12142020-dotnet-uta).
- Download [Zoom Client for Meetings](#) and create an Account
- Make sure you can join our [permanent Zoom meetingspace](#). Save this link somewhere. We will use it **every day** for class.
- Please fill out your row in [this spreadsheet](#) with your information. It will help me get to know you better and learn our collective batch strengths.

Classroom Etiquette and Expectations

- Class starts at 9am CST. You must mark yourself present in Slack by 9:05 daily.
- Make sure your computer is plugged in or fully charged.
- You must have your camera on and facing you during lectures.
- It is expected that associates always treat each other with respect. If any issue arises, please speak with me. I want everyone's experience here at Revature is to be inclusive and positive.
- Please read [this article](#) about camera use and etiquette. Follow the advice in the article for a better on-camera class and interview experience.
- Practice using Zoom features with a friend.
 - Join a meeting
 - Create a meeting
 - Make sure your camera and microphone work.
 - Share your screen and know which screen you want to share.
 - Request/Grab control of the mouse
 - Annotate the screen using the markers and the various other tools.
 - Use the annotations laser.

Internet, Computer, Camera, and Microphone Requirements/Recommendations

- Your internet signal is your responsibility. You are expected to have a connection speed sufficient for class interaction and for the tasks required of the course.
- You are required to have the proper equipment necessary to conduct business. A computer with 8 GB ram or more is recommended.
- You will need a quality camera, headphones, and microphone. A cellphone camera is not sufficient.
- Windows Operating System is required. We will be learning Microsoft's .NET Core Framework. You may be a Mac enthusiast (as am I), but in this course a Mac presents unique challenges. These challenges require workarounds that exponentially increase workload. That said, it is possible to use a Mac computer (some have successfully) so please use your judgement.
- **Visual Studio Codespaces** is a viable alternative to the purchase or upgrade of a computer although there may be a cost to this service.

Dress Code

Unless I specifically say otherwise:

- Mondays - Business Professional - Suit and Tie.
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - Business Casual – Collared, button-up or Polo-type shirt
- Fridays – Casual - Appropriate T-Shirt

You should already have received an email from Revature's Human Resources Department detailing the administrative logistics of joining your Revature Batch.

Please be in our digital Zoom [classroom](#) at 9:00am (Central Standard Time) on Monday, December 14th, 2020.

Feel free to send me a message on Slack ("Slack me") or email me with any questions you have.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all on Tuesday!

Mark Moore