

How has this course helped you?

Answer these reflection questions:

1. What HCI-related role did you previously identify as possibly wanting in the future?
 - a. I previously identified Information Architect as a potential HCI-related role I'd like to pursue. I'm drawn to the idea of organizing data in a way that makes it easier to recall or compute, which aligns well with my interest in data engineering.
2. Has this course helped you increase how qualified you feel for that role? In what ways? Explain in at least a couple sentences.
 - a. Yes, this course has definitely helped me feel more qualified for that role. It introduced me to key HCI concepts like user-centered design and usability testing, which are essential when thinking about how users interact with information. These skills complement my technical background and give me a more well-rounded approach to designing data systems that are both functional and user-friendly.
3. What are three new concepts you learned during this course?
 - a. I learned about user-centered design, which emphasizes designing with the user's needs in mind.
 - b. I gained experience with usability testing, which helps identify how intuitive and effective a system is for users.
 - c. I also learned about interaction design principles, which focus on how users engage with digital interfaces.
4. What are two actions you can take to act upon what you learned?
 - a. I plan to create a portfolio project that applies HCI principles to a real-world data organization or visualization challenge.
 - b. I'll also update my resume and job applications to include HCI-related keywords and skills, which can help improve my chances with applicant tracking systems.
 - c. I also plan to apply for more HCI-related job roles to broaden my experience and deepen my understanding of the field.
5. What is the one most valuable insight you gained from this course?
 - a. The most valuable insight I gained is that how information is structured and presented can be just as important as the data itself. Making data usable and accessible for people is a key part of creating effective systems, and HCI plays a big role in that.