

## Self-reflection

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After a long-time reviewing and coding, I finished my final website and made a reflection over the past semester. During the time I was working on my final project, I made a comprehensive arrangement on what I have learnt this semester and what each lesson is for. As I what I learnt from each class can be regarded as “paragraphs”, the final project brought me an opportunity to arrange them to a real “article”. However, I also met some new problems in my final project that I never met in my assignments: like UI design of my website, insert of plenty of javascript code, and even the format of my final uploaded documents in Github. Luckily, I got through these problems under the help of note, course video and some tips from my friends. It brought me a strong sense of achievement after I finished my final website. Besides, when I finished my final report on the website, I also reviewed and formed a chain from the every beginning of a product design stage to its end: to define targeted users and their problems, to make the prototype and design the product, to the final test. I think I have gained another way of thinking: to think in a more rational and logical way, and take the importance of data into consideration. Besides, “people” is always the core of our products design.

Besides the final project, I also reviewed my learnings during courses in the last semester.

- 1) Learning basic knowledge on html, css and javascript.
- 2) Learning fundamental utilization on technical tools like using airtable to record/arrange data and rich forms of website, using google analytics to monitor websites, and learning concepts like A/B test.
- 3) Learning to adopt design thinking together with computational thinking, try to change my sights from a user to a developer.

However, during my study process, I also met some problems. In the first several weeks, it takes me some time to open the gate of coding and change my way of thinking. Actually I cannot link lessons to a complete system at first, I just learnt from the course but I don't know why I need to take this course, and how this course or technical tools contribute to the final project and what "design thinking" & "computation thinking" that always mentioned really works for. Things changed in the third week and I gradually got to know the whole course is surrounded with the five stages of designing a product, and basic knowledge of front-end really leads me the way to a new world.

Moreover, I also found this kind of thinking way is common in different fields. And this semester even when I worked on marketing cases during interviews, design thinking and computation thinking still plays an important role. Such systematic thinking on working with a project is something that I never learnt from my past experiences even like courses and internships, so I am really really appreciated and thankful to what I learnt this semester. Not only is the coding part and application of technical tools like ParseHub, airtable, google analytics etc., but also ways of thinking.

And I am really looking forward to get the opportunity in the next semester on working on a real existing project in business world through new technical tools and coding knowledge!