Like everyone else in this course, I’m looking to augment my data analysis skills. Specifically, I’m looking to improve my SQL and Tableau skills. Many data professionals have told me that SQL and Tableau are some of the foundational tools that any data analyst will need to know in order to succeed in the field. Analysts working in different industries have noted that successfully “talking to” a database is extremely crucial for extracting data of any size. Once extracted and organized, it helps to create charts and dashboards to present to senior managers and executives who then can make quick and important decisions to keep their firm competitive in an ever-changing business landscape. My knowledge of SQL would be the equivalent of a high school freshman’s understanding of Spanish after completing a Spanish 1 course. I can write and read basic queries, but I’m aware that in order to be more “fluent”, I’ll need to prove my understanding of SQL, which is what this bootcamp will provide. Lastly, I find in fascinating how analysts can be artists in terms of creating and updating dashboards. My understanding of Tableau is minimal, but I’m fully aware that this course will provide me with the skills to create my own *Mona Lisa* one day.

Secondly, I’m currently a Logistics Analyst for a trucking company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. I use Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access daily to pull and study data about the operations of our clients. Once I complete this bootcamp, I’ll be looking for roles where I can use SQL and Tableau every day. After a bit of time in this new role, I hope to be a mentor to any junior analysts on my team, and show them the way with SQL and Tableau.