I learned firstly that the salaries are better than I originally thought for web developers. I do think based off the list of experience / tools you need to know how to use or how much of a shot they actually give you in the first place compared to starting salary can be kind of ridiculous. For example, looking at the e-commerce developer I (which appears to be mostly entry-level), salary ranges from a median of $67k upwards to $85k. I’ve personally worked extremely hard the past year to get my expertise up to a hiring level, and anything more than $65k would be beautiful for me; however, for the amount that employers expect you to know prior to starting is what makes it hard for me to keep going here and there and seems relatively unrealistic to me as well.

I’ve also definitely learned a lot from this class: I’ve learned to have confidence in basic HTML and CSS, how to build basic websites, how to research things when stuff doesn’t make sense, or I need to do something that maybe isn’t taught yet. Overall, I am grateful for this class, I am hoping that my portfolio can help me land a career change in the next few months, and I can finally break into the tech industry and make life changes for my family!

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