

1. How has your knowledge of the tech field changed since class began?

- a. Before starting this program the most I knew about the tech field was the name of a few of the languages and some basic boolean logic. Now I can write basic code in multiple languages, set up websites with HTML and CSS and understand a lot more of what it is like to work in the tech scene. I think understanding the difference between front end and back end work was a big eye opener for me and helped me understand more about what goes into the entire process.

2. What was the most difficult part of Foundations for you? And how did you overcome that?

- a. I really struggled with understanding CSS. HTML came much easier to me and while coding with Javascript and nodeJS did get complicated and maybe even required more diligence than CSS. The enjoyment I was able to get out of that was higher than what I got out of CSS. I understand the value in creating good CSS, but the tediousness and complexity of options available overwhelmed me. While I still feel I have a lot to learn about it I am really glad we worked with the medium as much as we did. Whenever I finished early on assessments or exercises I tried to read through the CSS and try to add my own elements to it. Messing around like that really gave me more insight to how it works. I look forward to spending more time studying and playing with it so I can grow in my web design skills.

3. Did you learn anything about the way you learn? What was it?

- a. This program has really proven to me just how valuable hands-on learning is. While I see the value in an educational lecture I don't feel I retain the information anywhere near as well with those lectures as I do with the interactive lectures or through the exercises. I tend to have a hard time staying engaged with lengthy lectures, but I have been engaged in this program from day one. I also learned the value of creating a detailed to do list and proper prioritization of that list. Whenever I would feel overwhelmed with the work ahead of me I would just start brainstorming the steps needed to finish the project and then laying them out on a doc. Then I would approach them in order from most to least important. I found I was able to get things done much more efficiently with this approach.

4. How will you apply what you know about your learning style during Specializations?

- a. I plan to use a brainstorming/planning/prioritization approach with all future projects. Delegation of tasks and an organized approach really helps speed a project along and helps keep me from getting overwhelmed or lost in the project.

5. What was your experience with pair programming like?

- a. While I really value feedback and advice from other students I found that none of the exercises I worked on really felt like the true embodiment of pair programming. This may be because no one involved really knew how to properly approach the idea, but it also was valuable to be able to mess around and figure things out on your own. Having time to test my own ideas helped me think through things much better.

- 6. What parts of Foundations did you enjoy the most? (This could be anything from a specific lab or lecture to the general setup of class or a funny moment.)**
- a. I really enjoyed meeting up in squads and doing daily get to know you questions. It really helped me get to know the people I was working with and encouraged more camaraderie between the group.