**Personal Reflection & Skills IQ**

I am absolutely NOT limiting this to DevMountain. That is ridiculous how I should be only reflecting in the DevMountain scope.

Personal Reflection

1. How has your knowledge of the tech field changed since class began?
   1. What sticks out to me is that I have gained a deeper understanding of the file management side of things in programming. My eyes have opened to new technologies that are used with programming. There is so much programming within programming. It is still a bit overwhelming especially since I have to create credentials for 10,000 different applications.  
      I’m both happy and not happy about this because I have a desire to dig deep and work into the deepest subject of things, which is probably why I gravitate toward networking. This just drives me to create things to make simpler.
2. What was the most difficult part of Foundations for you? And how did you overcome that?
   1. To be quite honest, the most difficult part of foundations was just obtaining the desire to do the work. I knew consciously that the reason for this is because I was learning primarily Front-End Web Development technologies, and that was a severe turn off.

I know that specializations will change this because it is what I signed up for. I overcame this challenge by recognizing that the front-end web development content is foundational and probably relevant for me to learn in order to better understand my specialization, which gave me the drive to push forward. I really prefer not to implement sheer willpower in my work because I know there are better ways normally. But this time there was no other way.

1. Did you learn anything about the way you learn? What was it?
   1. Yes! I learned that I learn best when I journal things out first. I create dialogue with myself when planning out projects or trying to figure out what to do. My internal dialogue is strong so this is much needed for me. I also learned that it is best to ask questions to the resources at hand.

I have learned that there is a weird stigma against asking questions in person because for some strange reason that indicates that someone can’t figure things out for themselves. I say to that: Wouldn’t it mostly be better to ask someone questions in-person rather than just googling something? I genuinely challenge someone to argue that concept with me.

This is very typical and obvious, but I have also learned that I learn best when not distracted by anything and I allow myself to be fully immersed in the discussions/activities.

1. How will you apply what you know about your learning style during Specializations?
   1. I need to have to the intent of being fully immersed in the content the moment I sit down and study. I need to dedicate time and purpose and energy to do so. I need to channel my intentions to that moment. Also, I need to not care about how ridiculous the question is. If I don’t know, then clearly, I need the answer. Why hide?
2. What was your experience with pair programming like?
   1. I did not do pair programming.
3. What parts of Foundations did you enjoy the most?
   1. Learning new technologies and how they can be used to assist in my work. Although this easily turned into a frustration at the same time because there were so many technologies.

Survey

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Skills IQ

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