

Personal Reflection

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

I feel like in the past 8 weeks, my knowledge has definitely improved and really opened my eyes to how massive coding and development really is and how deep everything goes just to get something working. I spent the first few weeks just learning the language and then the last few weeks have really shown me how other teams (QA, DevOps, etc.) all interact to create a seamless production flow.

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

The hard part for me was learning how to stay focused and not get too hard on myself when I either don't understand a topic as well as others or if my skills weren't as good as everyone else's. It took me a while to actually realize what I was doing, but once I did, I started doing things during lecture that would keep me focused on what was being said, but would distract my brain enough so that ADD didn't take over (lifting light weights in my chair, walking to a different area for lecture with the laptop, etc.) As for comparing myself to others, I just have to keep myself positive and compliment myself whenever I actually figure something out. Also showing off my project to other people who aren't studying code and explaining how I made it really helped me feel more confident as well

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

I learned that I am a very hands-on person and have to do the problem in the interactive lecture to grasp what was actually said in the lecture. If I just listen, it's easy for me to get distracted and miss a

whole important section of lecture, even if it's just 5 minutes. I also tend to forget what was said to me, especially if it's a lot of information. Doing the work and telling myself what I'm doing as I walk through the problems really helped me out.

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

I've created a schedule for myself so that after each day, I hop on the computer after dinner for a bit, whenever I can, to either finish something or learn something new.

5. What was your experience with pair programming like?

I loved it! It was great working with others that understood things a bit better than I did to help walk me through it in a more personal setting. It was also great being the one who understood better and helping someone else understand what you did really helped cement that information in my brain.

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.)

I would definitely have to say the Interactive Lectures and the Pair Programming. They were by far the best learning tools for me and I had tons of fun doing them every day! I also liked how the assessments were set up, they weren't overly-stressful and it was cool to show off what you personally know.