Personal Reflection

1. I have gained significant insight into the actual inner workings of web applications. I now understand endpoints and databases to a much higher degree than I did, and with that knowledge of course comes the realization of how little I actually know.
2. Without question the thing I struggle most with is design and implementation of website layouts. My CSS skills are lackluster at best, and my designs usually end up being terrible. I've determined a real, pressing need to beef up my design theory knowledge and the css knowledge to go along with it.
3. I learned that I learn best on my own. Reading books specifically seems to give me the best shot at knowledge retention.
4. I will make specific efforts to read and learn about my specialization outside of class to bolster the training I receive during class.
5. Pair programming is an interesting ordeal. It was often lopsided in experience levels, and sometimes I was the benefactor and sometimes the beneficiary of the imbalance of knowledge. Many times the pairs were unnecessary for the labs we were given. For instance having a partner on a day where the sole goal is to research new libraries or tech was often more a distraction from than a boon to the learning process for me personally at least.
6. I liked the parts I was specifically interested in the most. Python and cryptography specifically.