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Posted 4 days ago.

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Hi,

We have been working hard this week, and I mis-read the evaluations, not once, but twice! I thought the low fidelity prototype evaluations were due the same day as the customer interview evaluations. As it turns out, the low fidelity prototype evaluations were due on Fri. 2/13/15, not Sun. as the customer interview evaluations were.

So today, after shoveling yet another 1.5 feet that dropped on us last night here in the Boston area (I live in Easton) when we already had 6 feet of snow on the ground from other snow falls we have had in the past 3 weeks, I came in to do my customer evaluations, thinking they were due at 8pm. So I started just before 7pm, and as I submitted my first evaluation for the customer reviews, suddenly, there were no more to do! I double checked why, and although I thought they were due by 8pm on the east coast of the US where I live, they were due at 7pm? So I only evaluated 1 out of 5.

For me, I am here just to learn from the experience, but I know when I put a lot of time into something just to find that no one evaluated what I did in a course, I feel terrible about it, as if there was "no comment" on my work submitted. So I would like to finish the evaluations we were assigned if more time can be given, not so much because I care about our "grade" in this class - we already learned all that we need to know from the experience of participating, but because I feel terrible not having done our team's assigned

evaluations. I was exhausted but made sure I came down to fit in my evaluations just to find I am an hour off schedule? Is that correct?

Well anyway, to all those whose evaluations our team missed this week - my apologies if we are unable to do them, and best of luck to you! I'm exhausted. In the past 3 weeks in the Boston area, we have broken every record for snow in only 3 weeks time. My kids have missed 6 days of school due to snow and likely would have missed tomorrow too if it was not Feb. vacation week! Well, we did get our OAP submitted on time for this week, thanks to my great teammate's help, Amber Chang for FicRec, but my apologies to anyone whose evaluations we missed! If they let us do those, I'll make sure they get done tomorrow. Best wishes to everyone as the course ends this week! ;-)

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Paulo Machado (Mentor)

Posted 3 days ago.

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Hi Karen-- Ask the TA (Spike) or NovoEd directly. The link for Spike is in the home page, and NovoEd can be reached from the Help page-- <http://help.novoed.com/hc/en-us/requests/new>

By the way, there is a Part 2 for the course-- which covers hi-fi prototype, MVP, marketing, pitching, and fundraising. Enrollment should open in a few weeks.

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Karen West 3 days ago.

Thanks Paulo - I just sent Spike a message using the link that you sent, to inquire if we could do the evaluations for the other teams that may have not gotten those due to my error. I know you are located in Hawaii where you do not get snow, but here in Boston, we have gotten more snow in the past 3 weeks than I've ever seen in all my life, and I was incredibly tired this week from shoveling! I lost 4 pounds this week (that is a good thing!)

Part 2 depends on a few things for me, and I'm not sure about Amber. If I got a job offer, I would have to have enough time after work to still do it, and I know many people do. So far though, I remain unemployed, so that is not an issue yet. The second thing is whether or not FicRec is encouraged to be implemented as our product for part 2, or if it is not encouraged (who decides that?), then we would have to join a different team to do part 2? If it is encouraged, I was wondering given it is a fiction recommender web site that incorporates social networking, then I would need to take some background courses to prepare for part 2 in April, given I've only done some introductory web related programming courses.

I am thinking right now of doing the Harvard programming course, but there may be others. This one is work at your own pace: <http://cdn.cs50.net/2015/x/references/syllabus/syllabus.html>

The only web related programming courses I've done in the past are the Intro. to Android Apps course from Univ. of Illinois Urbana/Champaign a year ago on Coursera, and the part 1 of ruby on rails 2 years ago on EdX from UC Berkeley, but I'm not sure if I can do part 2 of that, given I was never able to get their tools working for me on my SUSE Linux machine for part 2, and I could not get the help I needed to get those working to do part 2. My husband said he learned web programming through w3schools for the browser type web apps, and his Android mobile apps through the ADK (Android development kit), so he says I should be able to learn all I need there. I don't honestly know what would be best to prepare for the type of web site that Amber wants to do in part 2 of Technical Entrepreneur, if FicRec makes it that far.

So if you have any comments on that, please let me know.

Thanks, Karen

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**Paulo Machado** (Mentor)

Posted 3 days ago.

I can relate to the snowstorm. We had a "big" snowstorm in the 90s in the DC area, where it seldom snows. The 1st floor was under snow, we were stuck maybe for a week, and we lost power for 1 day. That's how I got to move to Hawaii

We still have snow in Hawaii, but only on top of the biggest mountains in the big island and Maui.

Regarding the class, Part 1 and 2 follow the **same lean approach of validating the idea quickly and cheaply**-- i.e. with **no real development**. So, there is **no absolute need to prepare**-- I would rather concentrate on what can help you better. The key difference between Part 1 and 2 is the focus . Part 1 analyzed the opportunity, and Part 2 is about planning the execution (refining the prototype, marketing, and pitching).

For Part 2, new teams are also to be formed, albeit working with the same team can sometimes be a good idea. There is no need to pursue the same project in Part 2 either. And, you can also take Part 2 in a later future session, without having to restart from Part 1, if that works better for you.

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**Karen West** 2 days ago.

I see better now how part 2 works for Tech. Entrepreneur. It sounds like nothing would prevent me from taking part 2, since it would be manageable if I found a full time job, and I do not have to actually have all the web programming skills done before taking it. I also did not know about the new teams, and that you can also work on the same team if that makes sense. I don't even know Amber's plans at this point, or what the reaction will be to the FicRec OAP, so we'll see there. But thanks for the info!!

So you have seen snow before even though you live in Hawaii! I see that it was one of the motivations to move there after experiencing so much of it in DC in the 90's! I've never been to Hawaii, but my guess is that most of the north east near Boston, even those who love snow sports, are wanting to escape to a place that has warmth and no snow right now! The pipes to my washing machine which faces the garage that is not heated are frozen, and you can't do laundry, and people are dealing with roof issues. It's a bit extreme this year!

Thanks for the info. in regard to part 2 and we'll see how things go.

Thanks Paulo!

Karen

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