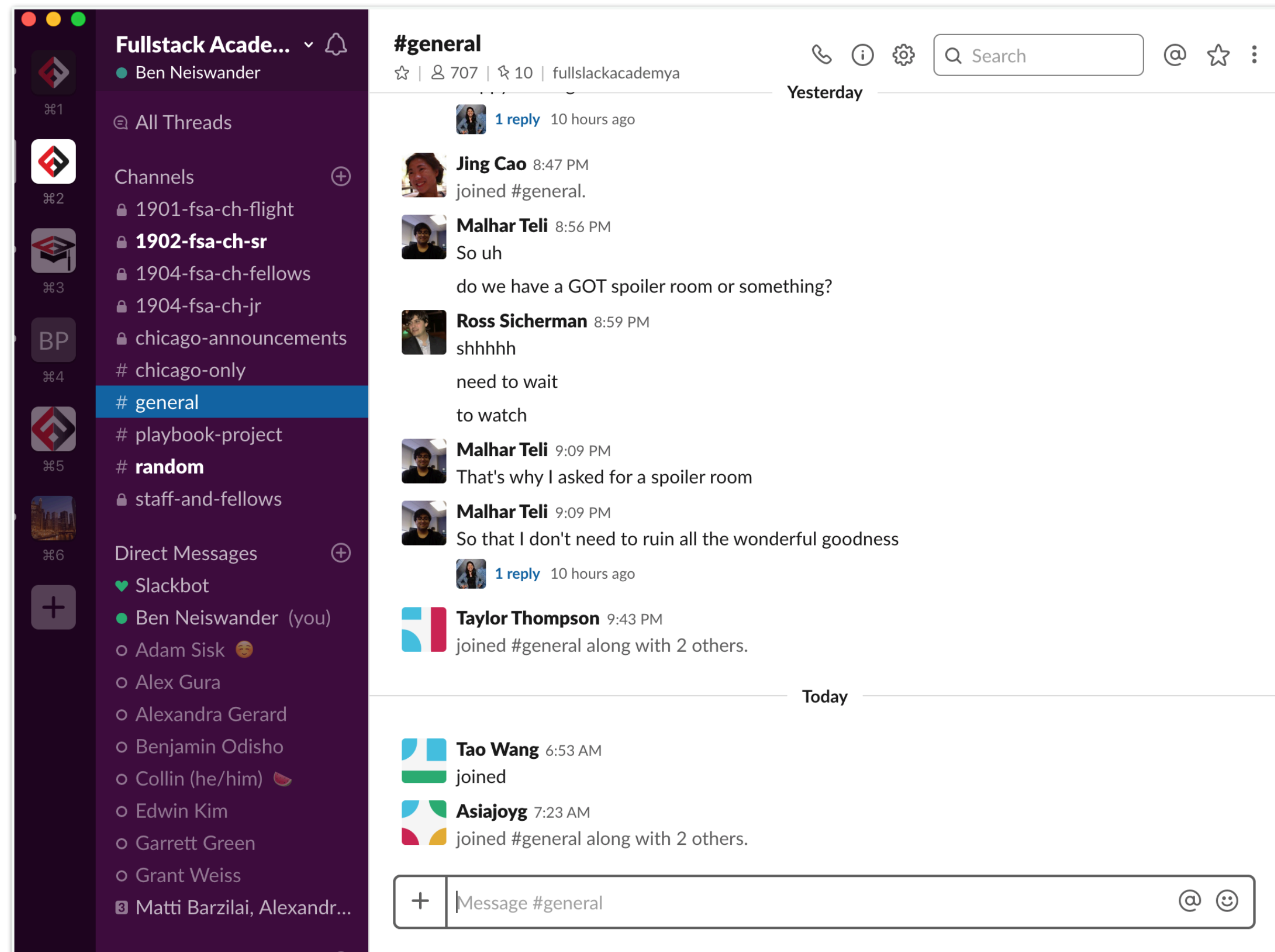


# **Key to Success #1: Know your Resources**

- **Slack**
- **Google Calendar**
- **Email**
- **Learning Management System (LMS)**
  - [learn.fullstackacademy.com](https://learn.fullstackacademy.com)
- **GitHub Cohort Repo**
  - <https://github.com/FullstackAcademy/2006-FSA-NY-WEB-FT>

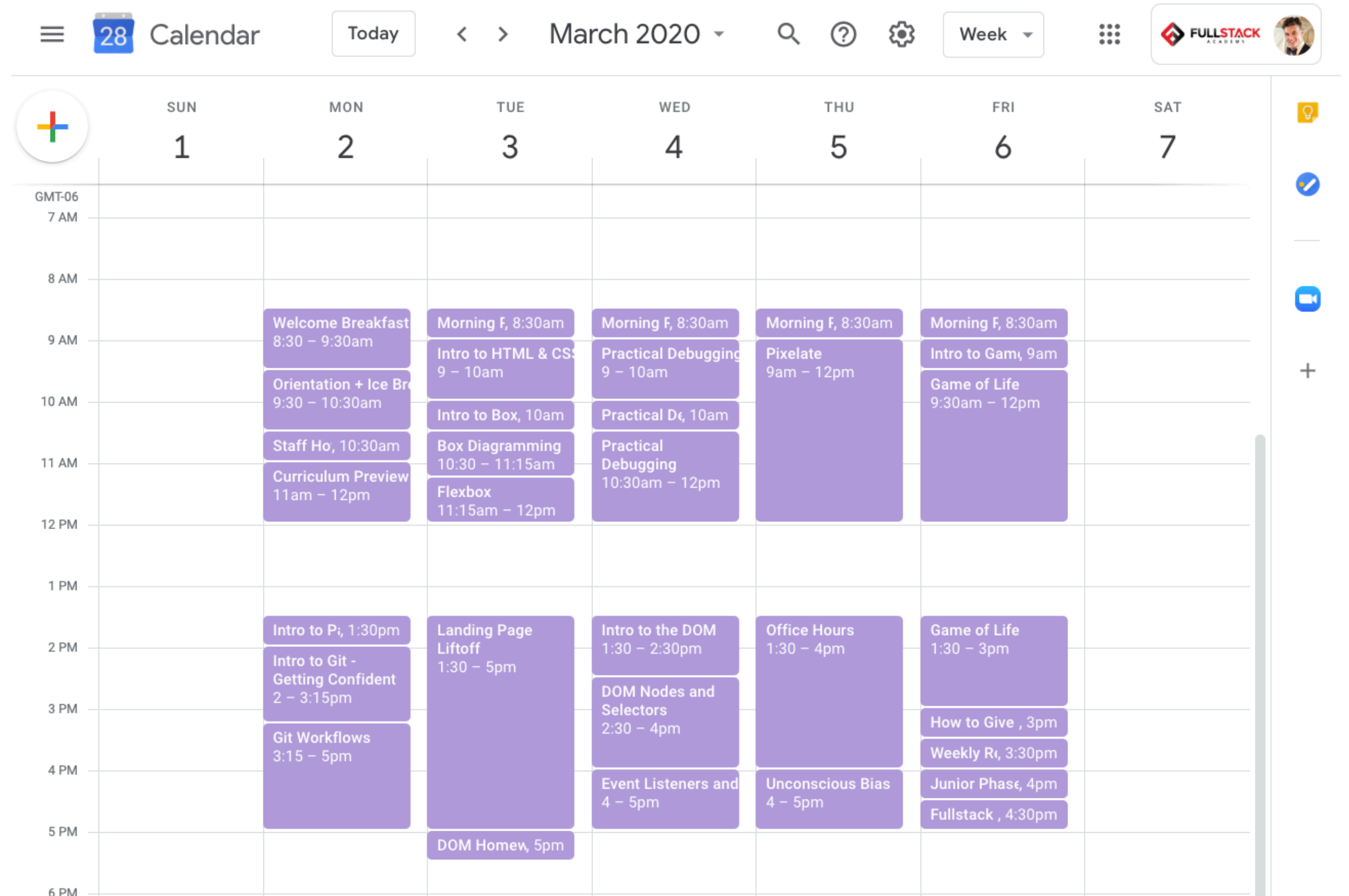
# Slack - *Always* Have This Open

- Group Messaging
- Direct Messaging
- Hints + Tips



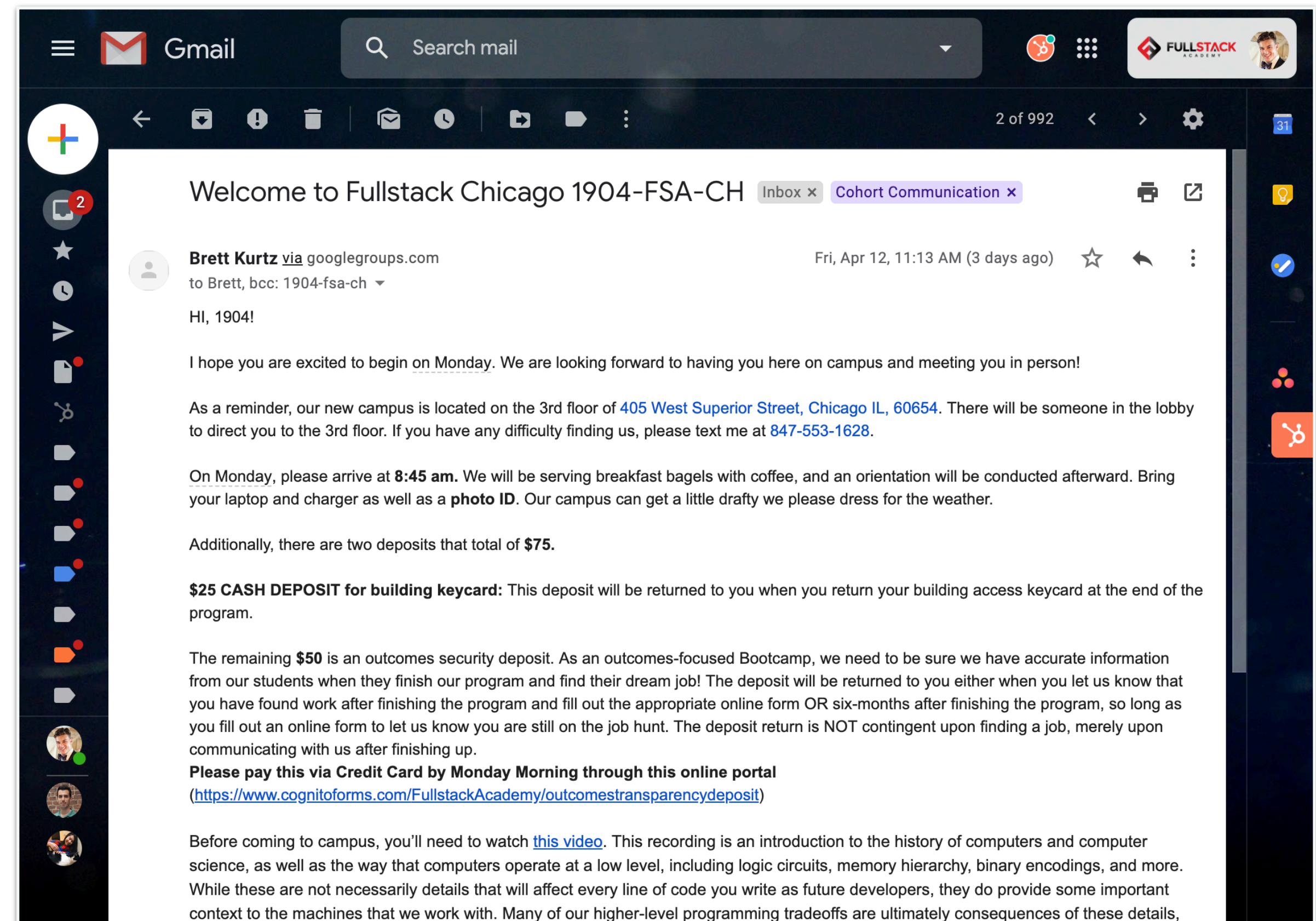
# Google Calendar

- **Workshops**
- **Lectures**
  - Descriptions link to pre-reading
- **Checkpoints**
- **Office Hours**
- **After-Hours Events**



# Email

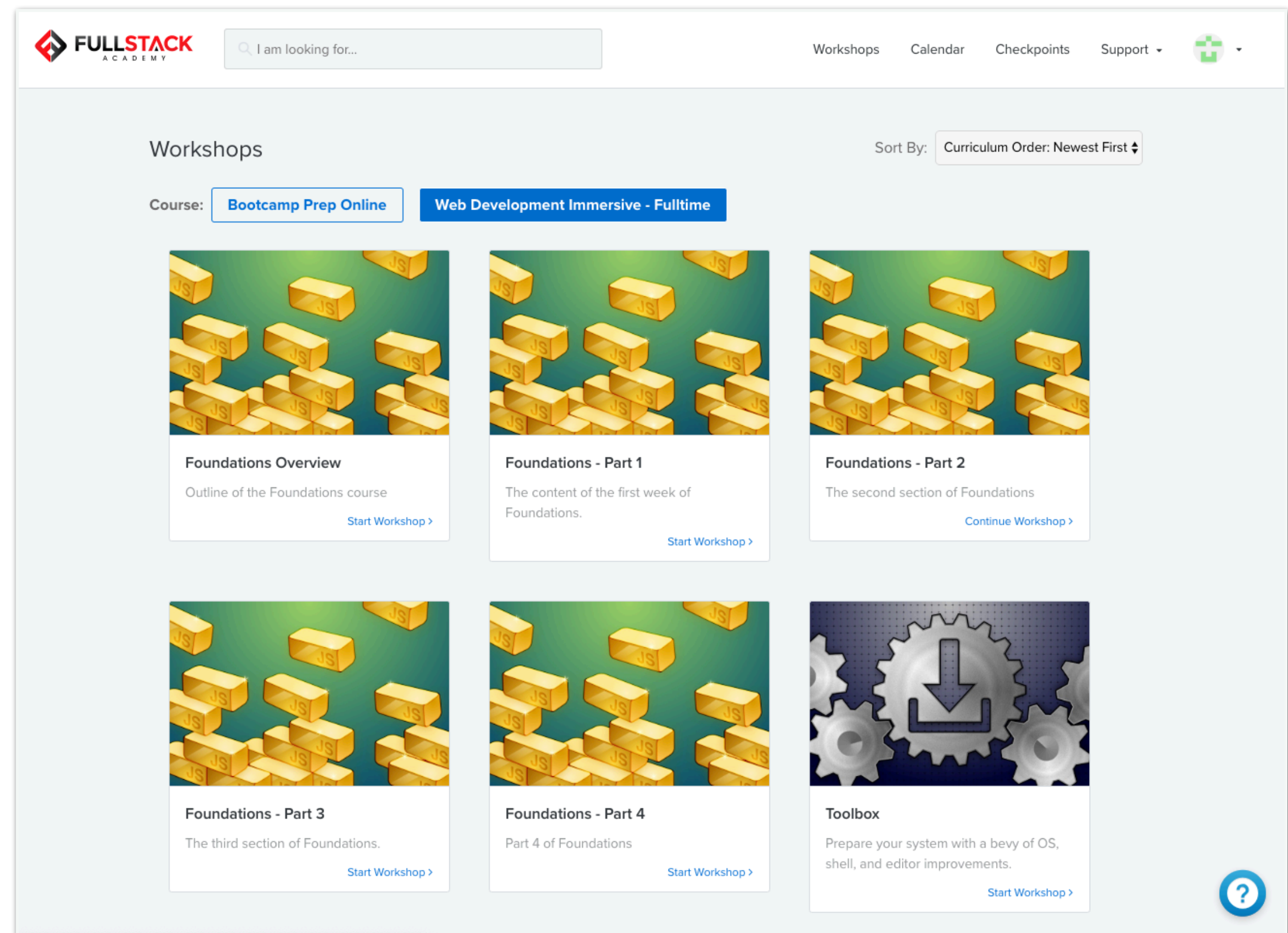
- Cohort Communication
- Important messages
- Reference Information





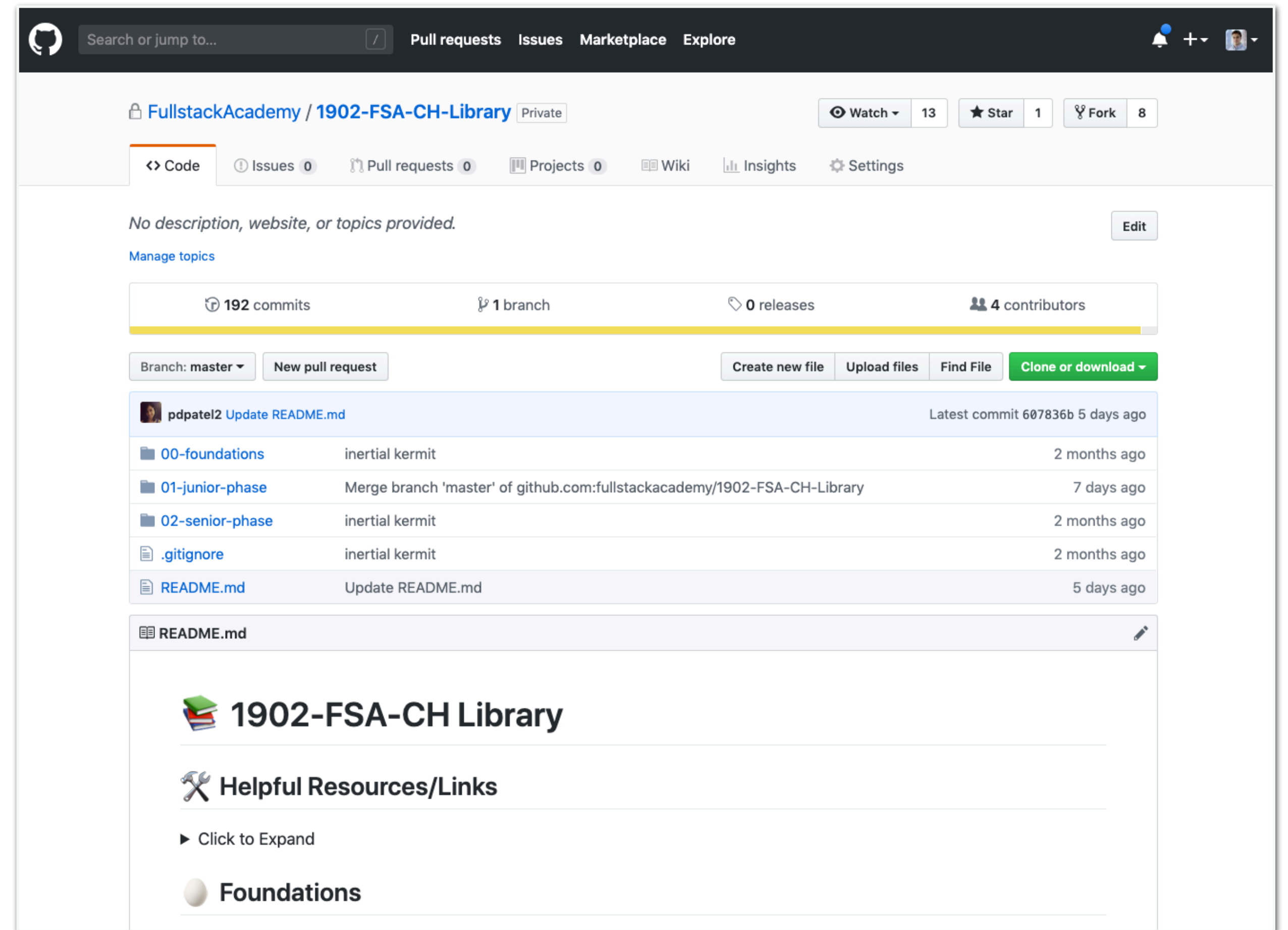
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- **Workshop Content**
- **Checkpoint Submission**
- **Office Hours Scheduling**
- **Help Tickets**
- **Feedback**
  - Daily checkin
  - Workshop Feedback
  - Pair Feedback
  - Incident Report Form



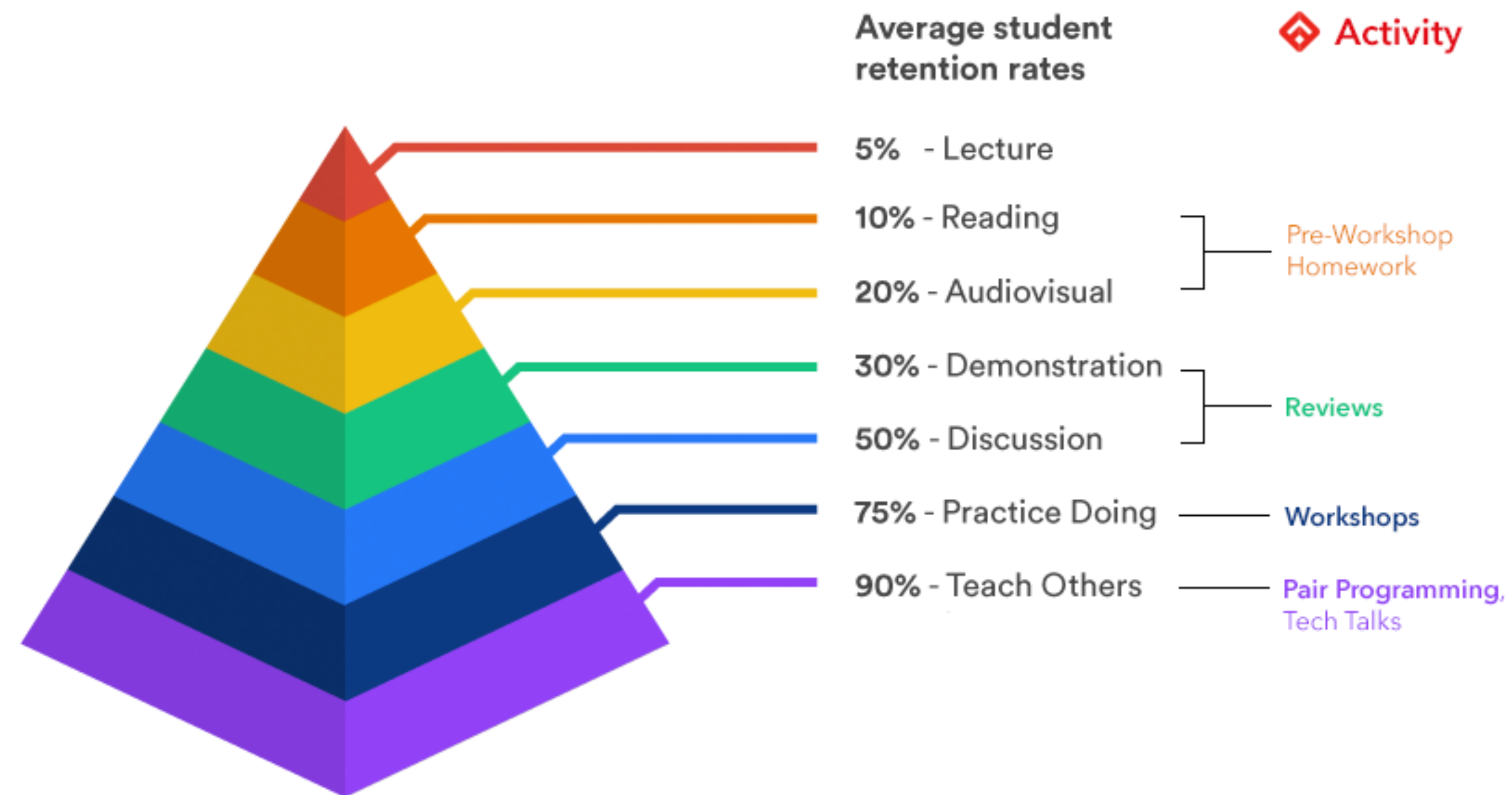
# Cohort Repo

- **A repository of Knowledge!**
- **Structured as a Course Outline**
  - Example/Demo code
  - PDFs of Lecture Slides
  - Links to Lecture Recordings
  - Links to External Resources



# 🔑 Key to Success #2: Engage in Active Learning

## Learning Pyramid @ Fullstack Academy



Source: National Training Laboratories, Bethel, Maine

## **Key to Success #3: Cultivate a Career Mindset in Jr. Phase**

- ◎ **Record Coding & Interpersonal Experiences**
  - Problems faced, how you solved them, skills you gained - make a log
- ◎ **See the Holistic You**
  - Identify strengths from past work experience; see how they make you a better developer
- ◎ **Start Your Developer Story**
  - Why is programming important to you? What motivated you to join the industry?
- ◎ **Commit to the Developer Self-Image**
  - See yourself **now** as a competent developer-in-training with power to influence lives through tech
- ◎ **Think Value vs. Transaction**
  - How would your projects serve users? How do your strengths serve teams? How can networking shift your perspective? **More Value = More Opportunities**



# **Key to Success #4: Cultivate a Software Engineering Mindset**

- ◎ **ALWAYS BE CODING**

- Like many skills, hands-on practice is the best way to learn – Prioritize coding whenever you can over reading/watching

- ◎ **Consistency > Cramming**

- Spaced Repetition – Practicing for just 30m every day will be more effective than studying 6hrs on only Sunday

- ◎ **Take control of your own learning**

- Do the research, practice (a lot), ask for clarification, reach out when you need guidance, form study groups, etc

- ◎ **Embrace the unknown**

- Tech is an ever-evolving field. You will never know it all. Tech is as deep as it is wide

- ◎ **Accept that you will mess up**

- Coding is hard. Learn to walk before you run – this course moves fast. You *will* forget things, and there *will* be things you don't understand immediately

## **Key to Success #5: Take Preliminary Job Search Steps**

- **Create/Update your LinkedIn profile now!**
  - Start connecting with fellow Software Engineers (including alumni)
  - Begin following companies you are interested in to receive current updates
  - Start building a list of Software Engineers & Recruiters at companies you are interested in - you can reach out in Senior Phase when you have updated LinkedIn & Resume
- **Look at job sites to see what opportunities are currently available for Software Engineers and to get a sense of what roles you are attracted to:**
  - Look at Software Engineering jobs at various levels; entry level to senior level roles
  - Pick your target location
- **Know your "WHY?"**
  - What values do you hold that are important for your next organization to have?