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Web Application Development

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Web Application Development has been a whole experience for me. Since the start I was aware of the complexity of the class. New programming languages and overall a new experience. My favorite part was the first one, maybe because there was more room for creativity and design so I could visualize how I wanted my page to look and simply work on it. My least favorite was the last partial, learning react and its functionality made me feel dizzy at times. Then if I missed 5 minutes of the class I was already behind. So many important things to see in a limited amount of time, and having other subjects with finals going on made it even harder.

I am pretty aware that learning about web sites is a very very extensive topic that may need more than a semester to be covered up, and much more time to be covered up in its totality.

That's why I feel like the course did a very very good job in teaching the basics and even more complex terms that are helpful. It planted a seed for those who are interested in learning more about the topic.

The skills that were needed to start with the course seemed to me like they were fine. The knowledge that I was missing got filled as the classes passed. For example, APIs was a concept that I had only heard about chemistry. It was very great to learn what they were, and how they were used from scratch. I learned a lot about websites. Now every website where I land gets examined. There is so much effort behind them, that now is appreciated by me.

Talking about the amount of work... the first part of the semester seemed good. Some quizzes to do and some labs to be done. As the semester progressed I felt like the amount of work did as well. A factor could have been that for some weeks we were not able to finish a single quiz, this only made them stack up on a pile that came like a wave after. Additionally, it was on the partial number two where we had many more portfolios to turn in. It was at that point of the semester where I saw how much work it was.

This does not mean that the portfolios were not interesting or fun to make, I had a fun time making most of them. My favorites were the bootstrap, where many hours were invested but it was a blast playing with colors and activities. The personal website was also pretty fun to make.

In conclusion of this topic, the exercises were fun to make, but seemed like too much at some points. Mainly because they took at least 3-4 hours to be done. Maybe some of my classmates managed to make less than them but I have been slow in programming so they took me some time.

Overall the class took a lot of effort and time. The assignment was one of the hardest I had this semester, even when the topic was not that hard or tedious, the assignments were many and took a lot of time.

I can see that the teacher knows a lot and it was fun to learn how websites work and are made.