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Software Development Skills Front-End, Online course

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**LEARNING DIARY**

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I started to complete the course and checked the general information. I found this course interesting and it’s motivating to achieve something concrete like website. I tried to set up my environment, but it was much more difficult than I expected. I spent many hours to found out which programs should I download and which of those mentioned do I really need.

I needed some extra youtube material to set up repository and after I was still confused what is it and how to use it. I could not decide which code editor I would like to use because I have no experience about those at all.

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I had a feeling that I need someone’s help to get really start the course. I met my friend who had almost completed this course and she helped me to download all the programs and explained what I am going to need and for what purpose. This was nice meeting cause now I’m more confident to really start working with this course and I’m excited about it.

I chose VS Code as my code editor for this course because my friend recommend that one. I watched the video part 1 and followed every step very carefully.

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I watched the second- and third-part video and I learned to add some functions like MenuButton and icons with colors. I like Brad’s calm approach to explain how to do everything, it’s very easy to follow. And it is nice to see that even a coding master like Brad have these moments when he doesn’t really know what’s going on. It’s nice to see it isn’t just me who is making mistakes and not right away see it. I like the most that you can check what you just coded and see what it looks like and easily make changes.

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The video part 4 was all about menu overlay and the portfolio’s responsiveness to different sizes of screen, and I think this is very important and useful to learn. Usability makes a big difference! And it’s super annoying if someone’s website doesn’t work with mobile version like at all. Once again it was easy to follow the video and working with my code was smooth.

The fifth video was more difficult, I lost my bash terminal, I lost my connection to main page, my pictures didn’t look the way I would have wanted them to look, and I was totally lost. I watched the video repeatedly and tried to find out what’s wrong with my code. I learned to add ‘about page’ with css and to do sass styling. I found this part very difficult, and I got many problems.

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I just continued working with my website alongside with video 6 and my frustration with the missing main page was unnecessary because Brad had the same problem and showed how to fix it. I got finished my website, but I had a problem to publishing it. I googled some tips and followed those and got my website published and everything is working properly.

I noticed the additional lecture videos and watched it which was nice that someone explains something about the tags and html. But it would be a big help if I had watched this video before starting to code my website. I learned to create website and use many tags, style with css and paying attention to responsiveness.

I used the whole day just finalizing my website. I added some pictures and edit text parts and my working history. This was my first ever website I made, and I couldn't get the website to look the way I wanted. I also had some issues that I couldn't resolve. Still this front-end course was very nice and I liked that coding work was concrete website not just an idea of how to do it.