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Pre-Work Reflection

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I am extremely excited for the Data Science and Analytics bootcamp for a number of reasons but the most important skill I am hoping to gain is a greater familiarity with coding jargon. I am currently a project manager for the US Air Force and oversee the development and maintenance of Tech Order software. I actively oversee software developers, in addition to, several other departments that utilize this jargon. I am also hoping to use knowledge I gain in the bootcamp to streamline a few of our more outdated Excel processes. Working for the government is rewarding but sometimes processes and workflows lacks innovation. I have been in my current position for a year and am ready to try and introduce new approaches. I am not someone with a background in technology, but it is something I wish I were more familiar with. I have found myself in various positions where increased familiarity with computers would have been helpful, and while incredibly nervous, I know I cannot ignore the fact that computers are the now and future. I hope this bootcamp will make me more comfortable starting my journey toward better computer knowledge.

While I enjoy my current job with the US Air Force, I am ultimately hoping to work for the Federal Reserve in an economic development capacity. I believe this Data Science and Analytics bootcamp will help teach me new skills that will keep my education current. I am also hoping to get a PhD in Policy and know that being able to gather and analyze data, on a large scale, is an invaluable skill. I have been working toward a career with The Federal Reserve since my first economics class. I have tailored my education to make sure I understand both private and public sectors and markets. However, I neglected to gain more technical skills. I am hoping this bootcamp will help fill my educational gaps and help me accomplish my career aspirations.