**DATA ANALYTICS REFLECT ACTIVITY**

Prework Module 7

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WHAT I WANT TO LEARN ABOUT IN THE CLASS AND WHAT I AM MOST EXCITED TO LEARN:

I want to learn to learn many things in this class, but mostly I want to become adequately familiar with basic tools that I can use as a researcher and other paths that my career might hold in the future. I don’t necessarily want to work as a data analyst entirely (at least, at this point in time). However, through my work with the Government of Canada, I have become aware that the future of work might likely require skillset(s) that are not currently my forte – those that fall under the umbrella of “data analytics.”

I am excited to become familiar with this field of study. I spent my BA and MGA focusing on political science-type work. This remained the same upon graduation, where I pivoted from INGO and innovation work to serving in the Government of Canada and the Ontario Public Service. However, I have long been deeply interested in advanced technologies (and actually find ways of incorporating innovations and tech into my public service work).

If I had to choose, I would say that I am most excited to become more familiar with Excel and Tableau. These are skills that several of my teammates possess, and which I can see definite applications to current and future career paths.

HOW THE SKILLS I WILL LEARN IN THIS CLASS WILL HELP MY CAREER:

As mentioned above, the skills I believe I will learn in this class will help me to (1) produce better quality and more creative deliverables in my current job, and (2) demonstrate myself as a strong candidate in positions I am or might be interested in that lists data analytics-type experience/skills as a need/want. For example, during my current job hunt, I found that I might meet job posting requirements for the most part, but there most often is a line or two asking for data analytics experience or specific data program familiarity (such as Tableau or Excel).