File I/O Reflection

I thought the File I/O activity was a very useful way to practice source control with group dynamics early in the Full Stack Summer Camp. We ran into less issues with source control than I foresaw. I believe our team worked well dividing up work and completing that work as well in a timely manner.

Unit Converter – Client-Side Reflection

The breaking up of the Client-Side and Server-Side portions of the Unit Converter project proved to be helpful when learning HTML, CSS, and especially JavaScript. The team dynamics yet again proved to be fruitful, yet we were down one to two people each day. We used w3schools.com as well as moqups.com to our advantage so we could focus on making our project look good and have a great user experience.

Unit Converter – Server-Side Reflection

I believe this portion was perhaps the largest conceptual jump and perhaps next time we would be given more time to fully immerse ourselves in the idea of a controller. It also bottlenecks the work when in a team as far as who is setting up the controller and as a result only a portion of the team really learns the actual code and how it relates to the concepts. However, splitting up the controller from the rest of the lower layers of the stack allows for people to learn about the controller and the differences between html and cshtml files and how they relate to each other better than if we learned the rest of the stack all at once.

Final Project Reflection

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Full Stack Summer Camp Reflection

Overall this experience has been miles better than last years and I’ve learned so much more than I remember from last year. I couldn’t see everyone being as successful, when it comes to the learning portion, if this opportunity was carried out like it was last year. The “random” group aspect is very useful for developing those soft skills needed when working in a team. I think the process could be improved by using the summer camp as a “project” where our team could have a sprint every week or two just to regroup as a team and refocus our efforts with so many different projects such as our portfolio, final project and individual learning activities.