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Week 11 Writeup – Reflection

The most prevalent resource that showed up was Figma themselves. However, due to the constraints of the scavenger hunt and the specific prompts I was searching for I was unable to use those. However, I was really impressed with just how much Figma covered I haven’t seen that from other companies. Personally, the resource that provided the clearest instructions for me was blog posts. All of them included pictures of where they were and what they were clicking with the description and provided why and to what avail they were doing it. I often found that it worked better than Figma’s documentation because it provided more insight into the nuance that needed to be done.

I was really surprised by how unhelpful I found YouTube videos by content creators who use Figma. I typically find YouTube videos helpful especially the transcript. However, all the men in these videos all sounded the same way, were unnecessarily wordy, clickbait titles, kept referring to other videos, and just constantly restating their own sentences. There wasn’t anything of substance that provided any information and there was nothing much clearer in the comments just praising them. I also found that community forums were unhelpful. Compared to forums that deal with niche problems or simplifying programming concepts I found that forums involving Figma had a lot more people complaining and not understanding what Figma was. Most people on the forums all had issues with the same thing, there weren’t many solutions to problems. One good thing about the forums were the extensions to use with Figma that provided quality of life changes.

While navigating forums, blogs, YouTube videos, documentation I learned how to sift through the bad, repetitive, and complaints from people. From documentation I found that being precise is good, but many times needed to know how to widen the scope to be able to find it because there’s not always a special place for what you’re looking for.

While looking through many different sites looking for different resources related to utilizing Figma I found one key challenge for myself. I get incredibly caught up on terminology in a debilitating sense. I constantly found myself going through pages and pages of search results on Google and trying multiple prompts to find one source that fits all the requirements of the prompt just to show annoyance that I couldn’t find anything then it being found immediately by someone else. But what they found didn’t explicitly match what the question was asking. Currently I still don’t understand why that counted and how someone could be okay with that result being seemingly so far from what was asked. I don’t have any strategies that can help me overcome this struggle I constantly face because for the most part I haven’t been so limited in what resources I am allowed to gather. Although it is something that I need to work on.