I have enrolled in the Data Analytics Bootcamp to take my ability to analyze data to a whole new level. Previously in my career I was a consultant over large scale projects, staffing, budget and analytics. As a consultant, I learned excel and visual basic but also discovered a genuine passion for data. As my career progressed, I moved away from analytics into various leadership roles and have been leading teams ever since. Even though my role changed I still use advanced excel formulas, pivot tables and macros daily to automate manual reporting so I can quickly ensure that the direction I give my team is effective. Although I enjoy leading teams, I have always had a yearning to know more about reporting and data. I still meet with my prior peers from when I was a consultant and hear about the new and exciting tools they use today, like Tableau, SQL, and Python. I want to learn as much as I can throughout this course but am most excited about the tools above due to hearing about what they can do. I am sure once I learn about the other skills you teach; I will be even more excited to learn and apply this knowledge.

Due to my strong desire to get back into reporting and data I have resigned from my role as an Operations Manager in order to give the course my undivided attention. I plan to work part time after the first few weeks the course and hope to find a position that in some way supports my new career path. Once learning the skills from this course, I plan to fully change careers and begin my new adventure in the data world as a data analyst, data scientist or one of the other roles that could appeal to me as I learn more about these exciting tools.

Overall the Prework was insightful, comprehensive and encouraging. There were some deviations in the instructions versus the installation steps for git and SSH Keys in Module 2: Install your tools but through googling I believe I was able to install these applications with the correct preferences.