

1. How has your knowledge of the tech field changed since class began?

Honestly, I knew next to nothing about web development, software engineering, how servers and clients worked together, and many other topics before coming to Devmountain. I also wasn't expecting to cover as many topics as we did during foundations, I just thought we would learn what we will be learning in specializations. But I am glad we covered so many different things because now I have a basic understanding of lots of things, and that understanding will help me know what I need to continue to learn to be a better developer throughout my career.

2. What was the most difficult part of Foundations for you? And how did you overcome that?

The most difficult part for me was probably imposter syndrome, and worrying that I won't be job ready by the time I graduate from Devmountain, which is my main goal. What helped me the most overcome those things was not focusing on what I don't know, but focusing on what I do know and what I could learn next, and just accepting that it's going to take time to learn everything I need to be job ready. As long as I am putting in consistent effort I will be ok.

Another thing that helped me was working on projects, and practicing the skills I had learned. Doing this showed me that I have actually learned a lot, and am a better developer than I give myself credit for sometimes. So projects and practice was my evidence that I am getting better and better as I get closer to graduation.

3. Did you learn anything about the way you learn? What was it?

I learned the best way for me to learn is to just start building, and practicing the concepts I have learned. I am definitely a hands-on learner so creating files and experimenting with lots of different things in my code has been the best way for me to improve my skills.

4. How will you apply what you know about your learning style during Specializations?

I'm definitely going to be doing LOTS of practice to get everything down. I might also start some personal projects on the side just to see things in action, and how things work.

5. What was your experience with pair programming like?

It depended on who I was working with, but overall I really liked working with someone different everyday. I feel that gave me a feel for how things might be in the field, and it certainly helped me learn how to work with lots of different kinds of people. It was also really helpful if there was something I didn't understand completely because the person I was working with could either explain it to me, which strengthens their understanding, or we could figure it out together.

6. What parts of Foundations did you enjoy the most? (This could be anything from a specific lab or lecture to the general setup of class or a funny moment.)

I honestly really liked the exercises we did everyday, because that gave me an opportunity to get to know someone new, and to practice my skills and solidify my understanding of that day's topic.

I'm also really glad everyone in foundations 2 seemed comfortable with each other because that helped us be ourselves which made my time in foundations a fun experience!