**Friday April 26th, 2019**

Today (April 26th, 2019), I decided that it may be beneficial to keep a daily coding journal of the things I’ve learned. This will useful to both myself, and potential employers.

While I do spend time improving my craft almost everyday, not all of these improvements are visible on GitHub. For example, today I am doing BootStrap exercises on FreeCodeCamp.

Though my abilities as a front-end developer are expanding, without this journal employers would have no idea that I took a step forward today. In fact, without updating or adding any new projects to GitHub, employers may even think I am regressing or simply being lazy.

This is because GitHub’s heat map is only aware of updates pushed to GitHub. It isn’t able to read the time I spend on FreeCodeCamp or CodePen.

For that reason, say hello to my new daily coding journal!

It’s currently about 2:30 p.m. but I’m going to quickly push this to GitHub. Before I go to bed tonight I’ll detail how many hours I spent immersed in code today, as well as what I learned.

See you later!

Evening Update: I’m posting this a bit late, but here’s what I ended up getting to on Friday.

Dylan Israel said that while Bootstrap does have its uses, that being overly reliant on it can cause your CSS skills to plateau. Having already built a couple sites with Bootstrap, (see my hotel bootstrap website here: <https://codepen.io/camchardukian/pen/MowGpy>), I would tend to agree with him. For that reason, I’ll be focusing my efforts in the coming weeks much more heavily on React and Redux than on Bootstrap.

Today I reviewed some of the basic fundamentals such as:

— Boostrap’s grid system (div class = “row”, div class = “col-xs-8”, etc)… Which Dylan argues is no longer as pivotal as it once was due to modern native CSS features such as CSS grids and flexbox).

— Inline versus block

— Font Awesome.

I also had a Vietnamese lesson today in which I taught my Vietnamese teacher about some JavaScript basics such as loops and variables. While I wasn’t able to explain everything with perfect precision (I for example don’t know how to translate “variable” into Vietnamese), it was incredibly fun to teach her the basics of variables, and JavaScript’s quirkiness in dealing with numbers.

Total time coding on Friday: 1:23:23 (One hour, twenty-three minutes, twenty-three seconds).