



# ONBOARDING TASK: FRONT-END WEB DEVELOPMENT

## GETTING STARTED WITH FRONT-END WEB DEVELOPMENT

Congratulations on joining us at General Assembly for the Front-End Web Development course! We are excited to have you, and are looking forward to working with you soon!

To set you up for success in the class and ensure you are prepared for the first day, we've made you a pre-course checklist. It is important for you to become familiar with the necessary class tools and to set up your laptop with the proper software installations before Day 1. This should take you around 4 hours maximum to complete total so make sure not to wait until the last minute!

Happy Coding :)

## BEFORE CLASS CHECKLIST

### COMPLETE ALL ITEMS BY DAY 1

- ☐ Sign Up for a [GitHub](#) account and download the [Slack](#) desktop app
- ☐ Complete Pre-course tutorials
- ☐ Install [Sublime Text](#) and [Google Chrome](#)
- ☐ Practice your shortcuts

## GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR CLASS TOOLS

- ▶ [GitHub](#) will be your go-to for course materials, homework submission and homework feedback. Make sure to set-up an account and have your username ready to give to your instructor on the first day of class. Please [watch this video](#) and follow all of the steps to sign up for an account, download the GitHub desktop app, create a new repository and sync your first file. If you run into any trouble, don't worry! We'll be going over all this again in class.
- ▶ We will be using [Slack](#) as a daily communication tool with your classmates and instructor. Download the desktop application and learn more about the features [here](#).

## PRE-COURSE TUTORIALS

Please complete the following tutorials:

### TUTORIALS

1. [General Assembly's Dash](#)
2. [Code Academy's Intro to HTML & CSS Lesson](#)
3. [Code School's Java Script Road Trip](#)
4. [Practice WPM \(Words Per Minute\) Test](#)

### NOTES

Complete projects 1 & 2.  
Lesson on the left side, editor in center.  
Complete Level 1 (Optional Level 2 & 3).  
You should be at a WPM of 45 or higher.

## SOFTWARE INSTALLATIONS

Please bring a laptop to every class. We strongly recommend Macs for this course, but a PC is also acceptable. Additionally, download/install [Sublime Text](#) and [Google Chrome](#).

### SOFTWARE

1. Text Editor: [Sublime Text 2](#)  
Browser: [Google Chrome](#)  
~20 min
2. [Mac Basics](#) YouTube video  
~3 min
3. [Windows 8](#) Tutorial  
~ 3 min

### NOTES

These two applications are essential in the course. We will use them everyday.  
If you aren't familiar with your Mac's file navigation system, check out this tutorial.  
If you aren't familiar with your Windows file navigation system, review this tutorial from Microsoft.

## PRACTICE YOUR SHORTCUTS

Use our [FEWD shortcuts sheet](#) to practice these keyboard commands you'll be using A LOT in class. We will have a quiz on these our first day of class!