What have I done?

In my junior year of high school, I just so happen to end up in a web design class that taught me how to use basic HTML and CSS. From that point on, I knew that was what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to learn all there was to know about the web. I started a web design club at my school that presented me with opportunities to reach out to local web firms and talk to them about what is out there. I was able to land an unpaid internship where I learned what it took to be a freelance designer in a small town in South Carolina. Since getting to Full Sail, I have been able to learn more object orientated programming such as Java, as well as work in design programs such as Illustrator. Although I have not done many personal projects, I feel I have been acquiring enough skill to be able to start.

What am I doing?

Currently, I am watching videos on Lynda.com on design programs such as Photoshop and Illustrator to further my skills in those. I also have been doing research on Git and GitHub, since it seems as if those are going to be important to know as go continue on in my degree as well as my career. I am getting more practice in with Java, since there are several aspects of that language that I still do not feel completely confident in. I need to do more practice with arrays and loops so that I can fully understand the logic behind them that I can apply to other OOP languages. This week I have mostly dedicated to watching tutorials and doing research on big names in my industry.

What’s next?

In the weeks to come, I want to be more hands on. I want to try out some other languages on code academy, such as PHP and Ruby, as to get my foot in the door a bit for things I may encounter down the line. I want to try and make at least one project in either Illustrator and/or Photoshop to test the skills I have just finished watching tutorials on. I also need to find more people in my industry to look up to and follow so that as I progress, I know the direction I want to be going in.