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Project and Portfolio 1

Week 1 in Review

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<https://github.com/ekaneff/Emily_Kaneff_Portfolio.git>

At the beginning of this week, I was not confident in what was expected of me for this class. I couldn’t quite latch on to what exactly was expected from me, but after lecture on Thursday, it was clear. I made my list on the first day of class; it included tasks such as learn how to use Github, look for people in my industry that are successful, and create a project in Photoshop. At the end of this week, I can confidently say that I completed everything I set out to.

I dedicated my first few days solely I learning Github, since it was the one thing that I had no prior experience working with. The lab instructor advised me to look at a page on the Code School website that he found to be really useful when trying to master Git. I tried to watch that but it didn’t make much sense to me, so I went to Lynda.com and found a video there that served to be really useful. It was through that video and the actual Github website that I was able to finally figure out how to commit files to a repository. I feel that knowing this will help me throughout my career since it seems as if web developers often use this site as a way to work on projects with other developers. Since you can upload code and allow others access to the code, it makes group projects easy and painless. I plan to continue on learning more about Git to fully understand all that it has to offer me.

Once I had Github figured out, I began looking for people within my industry that I could look up to. Prior to this class, I had never done much research on individuals who were successful web developers and designers, so this was an eye opening experience. I was able to look at some amazing website designs which helped me to realize the sort of level that I need to strive for while here at Full Sail. I also discovered several people that have gone on to do great things in web design that I can follow as an example for what I want to become one day. I didn’t realize that there were so many people that actually got their names out there.

The final major thing on my list was to complete a project in Photoshop since it had been a while since I had done any significant work in that program. To get there, I found a Lynda video that gave instruction on basic Photoshop skills that served as a sort of refresher for me. I dedicated two days to watching the video, and then several hours to making the image. I wanted to do an edit of one of my favorite musical artists, Halsey. With the knowledge from the video along with my previous knowledge of the program, I created something I am actually really proud of. I definitely feel like I built upon my previous skills and improved from the last time I did any sort of work in Photoshop. I feel like this skill will be useful for me in the future since I can use Photoshop to make mock-ups of websites that I can implement CSS into. Also, if I needed special graphics for a site, I would be able to make it in there. I want to keep trying to master my skills since it is something I really enjoy as well as something that could prove to be useful later on.

In this release of my repository, pretty much everything was updated. I had to create everything and since this is the first week, I didn’t have anything to pull from and revise. Next week, however, I may add to my list of research on industry professionals as well as make changed to my Photoshop image.