BerkeleyX: CS169.1x Engineering Software as a Service

Thoughts about pair programming vs. Solo programming throughout course assignments

After encountering some technical difficulties with Google hangouts on-air, I've decided going through the first homework assignment as a solo programming.
Being a Ruby newbie, I find pair programming as a great opportunity to both learn and go through some cooperative research throughout the language API's and capabilities, on top of learning various new development environments and sharing tools.

I've found Google's user validation policy a bit to extensive and bureaucratic through I fully understand their need of protecting their social networks.
Eventually it was me lacking an appropriate microphone, having me give up for now the exciting and intriguing remote pair programming development environment.
I've tries setting up a demo without a mic and a camera and found the result pretty tedious and hard for another party to communicate well.

Programming as a solo developer, is therefore, a default option. However throughout the coming couple of weeks, I intend to make an effort to experience the remote pair programming tools – which seems a much more appropriate way to experience the course.