Week 1 -Learning Journal

**Learning Activities & Resources**

This week, I built a simple 3-page website from scratch to get a feel for what it’s like to create a website without using modern CMS tools. It also served as a great opportunity to refresh my memory on how to use an AWS EC2 instance to host a website. In addition, I watched the LinkedIn Learning video *Introduction to Web Design and Development*, which was an excellent refresher on topics I’ve previously learned, such as web design, programming, and design thinking

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZAgaWLL5Ns

https://www.linkedin.com/learning/introduction-to-web-design-and-development-14628245/understanding-html

**Estimated Hours** I spent approximately 2 hours building the website and 6 hours troubleshooting and successfully hosting it using AWS. I watched the LinkedIn Learning videos in short segments while commuting to university and back home during the week.

**Content Insights** Building a website from scratch significantly refreshed my understanding of HTML, CSS, and server-side hosting—skills I first learned during my initial year as an IT student.

**Career/Employability/Learning Insights**Completing this practical gave me greater confidence in using AWS to host a website. It also motivated me to explore additional AWS learning resources and consider pursuing AWS certification as a way to enhance my technical skills and career prospects.