# Week 0 - What to do before class begins!

Dear Students,

Welcome to Web Frontend Development II (WDD-330)! I am Bro. James, and I will be your ‘instructor’ this semester.

These 7-week classes can be intense. For four weeks you will have the support of a team to develop a simple web app. With that understanding in the last three weeks you will create your own application. Along the way I will share MANY examples for you to see how to do the topics of this class. This class is all very doable and teaches some great concepts along the way. You’re going to do fine. I don’t expect anyone to get lost along the way.

# What to do **before** class begins

# Step 1 – Find a team! And MEET with your team

Go to the **Canvas *-> People -> WDD330Team*** tab for finding a team. The page lists several days and times. Find a time that works for you and drag your name to that team. Keep coming back to the page. If no one is meeting when you can, then find a team that needs more people. **You must be in a team by Saturday Mar 8th**. You cannot do this class without being a part of a team. No exceptions. ALL TIMES IN THE COURSE ARE UTC! The Team sign-up page has general times to meet. This is just to get your started. Once you have become a team you can determine the best time and day of the week for you to gather.

**Use this web site to confirm your time zone for office hours and team meetings.**

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html?iso=20250202T030000&p1=tz_ct&p2=tz_mt&p3=1440&p4=125&p5=tz_eat>

Once I see a team has 3 or more people THENI will add you to the MS Team you have selected.

Do not be the team member that does not show up! You are needed and you need to participate.

# ‘This is the (BYU-I) Way’

Your team is critical to your progress. You will gain so much more by attending your team meetings. Please do not slack off and ignore that experience. As the Mandalorian would say ‘This is the way’. Maybe we would say ‘This is the BYU-Pathway way’. We learn together and share what we have learned. If you know a lot, please share that with the team. If you don’t know anything, PLEASE share your questions because there is someone on the team with the same question.

I think another part of the BYU-Pathway Way is to have fun along the way. After the first 4 weeks or so you have a lot of tools you can start to use. Use them to make something creative, silly, explore, find a new API to tinker with!

# Step 2: You will need a web site of some type

This will be needed for your Final Personal Project. AND to have a place to experiment with the code topics you are learning.

1. Best: An actual web site works the best
2. Very Very Good and by far the easiest: GitHub pages work great. If you do not have a github.io repo they are **very** easy to create. If your GitHub ID is BruceWayne, you would create a repo called BruceWayne.github.io. Put an index.html page in there for your personal project and off your go! **Test it before you submit**. Make sure that the link is working. I see a lot of 404 errors. **Have someone else test it to make sure it works.**

For example: My GitHub identity is gtjames.

This is the link to ALL my repos [www.github.com/gtjames](http://www.github.com/gtjames)

This is the link to my *GitHub pages* **repo** [www.github.com/gtjames/gtjames.github.io](http://www.github.com/gtjames/gtjames.github.io)

I have linked a second repo that is particularly for this class, you can find it at <http://gtjames.github.io/FetchExamples>

Anyone can do this. If you need a website, take 15 minutes, and create a repo. YourUserName.github.io.

1. NO REPO LINKS or ZIP FILES.

# Step 3: Attend the Office Hours frequently:

Office hours will USUALLY be Tuesday at the same times.

[https://byupw.zoom.us/my/**gtjames**](https://byupw.zoom.us/my/gtjames)

Tuesday ‘morning’ 11:00 AM **Central Mar 4th (17:00 UTC)**

Tuesday ‘evening’ 9:00 PM **Central Mar 4th  (03:00 UTC)**

I will record the meeting and post in the Announcements. But you will get much more by dropping by. Please take advantage of these conversations. Those who come to the meetings ALWAYS do better in the class.

In each week’s announcement I will share the Office hours. They will change **occasionally**. I will try to stick with the times listed above. I am happy to set up other times with you or with your team. Message me through Canvas and give 24-hour notice and possible times. Tell me in advance what your questions are.

# Step 4: Read my weekly Announcements.

Announcements are how I will communicate with the class

I do not have set instructions for the class. You will be in teams and together you will have weekly team challenges. Primarily you will learn together. I will regularly provide additional resources. Your primary source material comes from class readings, the team and from the Internet. This is the design of the class. Once you start your professional career you will not have weekly lectures either. You will be expected to figure it out with the near infinite resources available to you. This class should train you to learn on your own.

Please be respectful of each other. Some of you have many questions, some have many answers. Make room for everyone in the team discussions. Do not dominate the conversation.

# Late work

* For Weeks 1 – 4 you have until the end of week 4 to get everything turned in
* For Weeks 5 – 7 you have until the last day of class to get everything turned in

# Fun Stuff Ahead

We cover a broad number of topics. But none in too much depth. You will not drown. I have LOTS and LOTS of examples to share. My own work and examples from students over the last 10 years. You will see many ways to solve the problems.

# Questions? Sending a Canvas message is best.

May the Good Code be Yours!

See you in the next Office Hour!!

Bro. James