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Dear Rutgers Coding Bootcamp Students (RCB),

The final countdown to class has started. In just over 3 weeks we will begin our journey together. This orientation package is designed to prepare you for class, so please read it carefully because it requires you to complete several time-sensitive actions.

*This package is geared to both our Mon/Wed/Sat section (Section 1) students as well as our Tues/Thu/Sat (Section 2) students. Please pay careful attention to specific dates. If you are unsure of your section, or if you have any other questions once you review this document, please contact your success coach, **Jed Woodarek at jwoodarek@docs.rutgers.edu.***

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1. ACTION REQUIRED

A. REQUIRED BY JANUARY 18

SLACK: SLACK is a communication and collaboration tool we'll use throughout the class. You'll receive an e-mail January 18th inviting you to open your SLACK account. Our AMA (Ask Me Anything!) with your instructor, Pavan Katepalli or Mario Starks will be held via SLACK, and it will be an integral part of communication among students as well. We ask that you each download SLACK to your mobile device as well.

Payments: Please make sure that you are up to date on your payments by January 18th. If you have any questions, please contact Jed Woodarek.

Resume: If you did not attach your resume with your application, please e-mail it to jwoodarek@docs.rutgers.edu by January 18th.

2. LOCATION / TIMES / DATES

Location: Our classes will be held at Plaza Two, 147 Harborside Financial Center Platform, Jersey City, NJ 07311.

Harborside is a new and modern building complex conveniently located in historic Jersey City on the waterfront. The space boasts powerful architecture - and spectacular views of the Manhattan skyline. We have specifically chosen to host your class in this unique, office environment due to the high concentration of cutting-edge, tech-based firms and larger companies seeking coding talent. Harborside is easily accessible through multiple modes of public transportation includes the Path, NY Waterway Ferry and Light Rail.

If you are in the building and cannot locate us, please call Jed Woodarek at (716) 949-9977 or Dana Bernstein (732) 331-3303

Course Calendar: *You will find a general course calendar with this packet that will be updated periodically. Kindly review your class dates and mark the days that there will be no class.*

Times: *Class starts sharply at:*

Weekdays - 6:30pm-9:30pm - One (1) 15 minute break

Saturdays - 10am-2:00pm - One (1) 40 minute lunch break

From time to time we will hold career workshops after class. Most will be held on Saturdays from 2:15pm-3:30pm, and we will notify you each month of all events.

Please allot extra time to find parking and to get to class.

We advise that students arrive early for the first class to familiarize yourself with the building and parking.

Structure: *There are 2 separate weekday classes. Monday/Wednesday AND another class on Tuesday/Thursday. On Saturday, both weekday sessions will combine into 1 class. Due to limited classroom space during the week, we will not allow any students in the Monday/Wednesday class to attend Tuesday/Thursday (and vice versa).*

Course ID: *RUT0201FSF-JC (Mon/Wed) and RUT0202FSF-JC (Tues/Thurs)*

Virtual Orientation/
Pre-Work Office Hours: *AMA (Ask me anything) via SLACK:*
RUT0201FSF-JC - 01/20/2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm
RUT0202FSF-JC - 01/21/2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Pre-Work Virtual Office Hours via SLACK:
RUT0201FSF-JC - 01/25/2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm
RUT0201FSF-JC - 01/26/2016 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Networking: ***You will have an opportunity to meet with fellow students before and after class throughout the Harborside Plazas. There are outdoor waterfront seating areas as well as*** *restaurants and lounges* ***throughout the area.***

Extra Help: There will be no "regular" class on Tuesday, May 31 (day after Memorial Day) and Tuesday, July 5, 2016. If anyone in either session needs extra help, we will be available in our class room on these dates during regular hours.
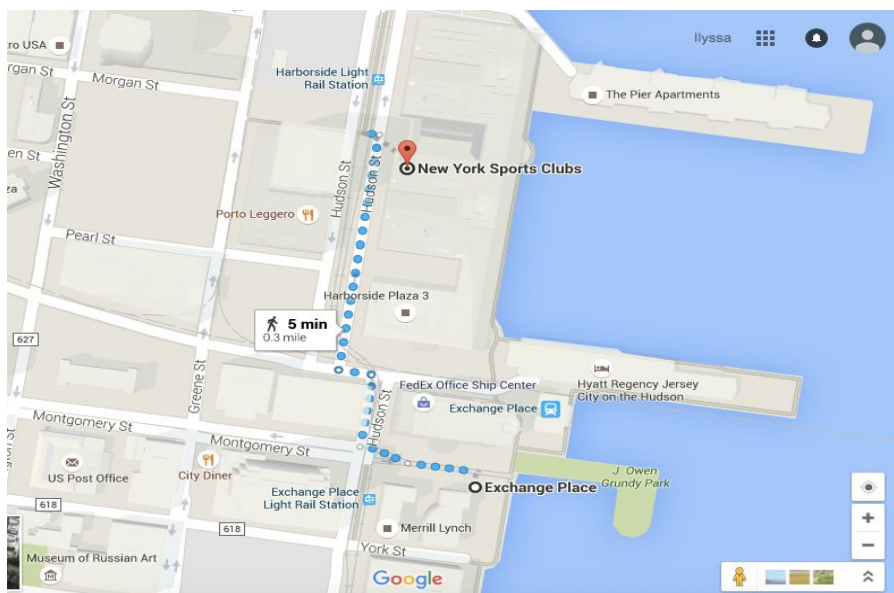
3.   TRANSPORTATION

Maps: General map:

Public Transportation: The Path train to Exchange Place is a 5 minute walk from our class location. The Harborside Light Rail Station is a minute away.

Parking in Jersey City: While there is free parking on streets, you will need a permit to park for more than two hours. There are a multitude of parking garages in the area ranging from $170-$350. However Rutgers has a partnership with **Central Parking at 135 Greene St, Jersey City, NJ.**

Please bring a printed copy of your acceptance letter on the first day of class. Rutgers students have access to the lot after 5 pm on weekdays and all day on weekends. Our student discounted rate is $5 per day.

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Mass Transit:	*Train NJ Transit - http://www.njtransit.com* *You may want to inquire if you can get the student rate.* *Rutgers bus schedule/cost -* *http://parktran.rutgers.edu/campusbuses.shtml* *Helpful App for the Rutgers bus: "NextBus"* *http://www.nextbus.com/predictor/stopSelector.jsp?a=rutgers*

4. CLASS POLICIES

Attendance Policy:	*Attendance is mandatory. You will have hands-on access in class to the professor and the community. Your ideas are important to this classroom experience. Four absences will be permitted for the duration of the bootcamp (95% attendance requirement)*
Bad Weather Policy:	*If we are NOT holding class, we will contact you via e-mail and SLACK.*
Food/Beverage:	*Not allowable in the classrooms. Please be sure to eat before class or be prepared to wait for formal breaks. We recommend that you bring your lunch on Saturdays.*
E-mail Policy:	*Please make sure we have your preferred e-mail for all class communications. It is an e-mail that you should be checking daily.*

5. CONTENT

Curriculum:	*Students will receive an overview of each lecture, lab, and project as a component of the pre-work package that you will receive on 1/8/2016. We have included our curriculum overview with this orientation package.*
Classroom Supplies:	*Please bring your computer and power cord. We suggest to fully power your device before coming to each class.*

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Wifi: **Network:** *Harborsidenow*
                                 Password: *92214harborside*

LMS: *(LMS) Learning Management System. You will find your class schedule, assignments, lectures and links to recorded videos on our LMS. All materials will be provided prior to each class. You will receive an invite to our LMS and your pre-work there on 1/8/2016. We will not provide any written materials during class so we recommend you download materials to your laptop prior to each class in case there are any internet access challenges.*

Career Services: *We will be integrating a number of career services throughout the course. In addition to career workshops, we will be hosting hiring partners for meet and greets, guest lectures, and demo days. We will tell you more about our Outcomes curriculum during the first day of class. Those services will be available after classes on Saturday (dates TBD).*

6. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS / TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE:

Requirements: *a. You must not miss more than 4 classes over the course of the program. We encourage you to plan to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to class.*

b. You must complete 23/24 of your homework assignments.

c. You must complete 5/5 class projects.

d. You must complete your GitHub profile.

e. You must make at least 5 Stack Overflow contributions during the course of RCB.

f. All assignments are due on the written due dates.

Expectations/Tips: *a. Please download all materials on your personal device and review them at least the day before the class date.*

b. We encourage you to actively participate to enhance your class experience as well as share your ideas with your fellow students.

Graduation: _Graduation day is Saturday, July 16. Class will be held as per usual schedule. Details will follow._

Certificates: _Certificates will be mailed a few weeks after class._

What you should expect at the end of the class: _In addition to the certificate, you will have a portfolio site that showcases your projects throughout the course. This will include links to the sites you've developed and deployed along with code samples. This all culminates to hiring events and interviews where you will showcase your skill-set._

7. FINDING US

Office Hours: _Our TAs will be available at least 45 minutes prior to class and 30 minutes after each class._

Office Hour Slots_: First come, first served._

Virtual Office via SLACK: _For the M/W class, there will be **virtual office hours** on Thursday from 6:30pm - 8:30pm._

For the Tu/Th class, there will be **virtual office hours** on Monday from 6:30pm - 8:30pm.