

Personal Reflection  
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How has your knowledge of the tech field changed since class began?

Drastically. Before class began I knew that google was something I used to look stuff up, and that I'd heard it called a "Search Engine" before. Outside of that I really didn't know much when it came to technology and how or why the internet, computers, or websites worked the way they do. Since Class began I have learned so much about the tech field that I'm able to understand terms like "internet protocol", "URL", "Front-end", "Back-end", etc. I now know the foundation knowledge of technology and have the ability to find answers and know even an inkling of what people are talking about when they are talking about technology. Before the class I would have had no idea how to look up particular questions related to JS, CSS, or HTML. I now know where to find answers to tech related questions and feel confident in my ability to learn about coding.

What was the most difficult part of Foundations for you? And how did you overcome that?

The most difficult part of Foundations for me was understanding the overall flow of front-end to back-end. I overcame this by practicing coding and taking the assessments and labs seriously. They provided me with a framework to walk me along my journey of understanding. I was also patient with myself when I didn't know everything, because - that was exactly why I was here - to learn.

Did you learn anything about the way you learn? What was it?

Yes. I am a very visual and hands-on learner. When I see something done, I can replicate it. I noticed that just hearing somebody talk about a concept was okay, but what really helped me understand was seeing it done, and then being given an opportunity to do the same.

How will you apply what you know about your learning style during Specializations?

I will continue to be attentive during lectures, and seek out hands-on experience with the concepts covered each day.

What was your experience with pair programming like?

I found pair programming to be extremely useful. Sometimes my partner and I would colab and both work on the exact same code, or word document. Other times we would work together on separate documents or code, and continue to talk throughout each step of the lab. Sometimes we would not really talk at all, but should a question arise that one of us needed help on, we would both work on it. I liked pair programming because it encouraged peer to peer study and helped reinforce ideas and concepts when I would be teaching, or when I would be learning from a partner.

What parts of Foundations did you enjoy the most? (This could be anything from a specific lab or lecture to the general setup of class or a funny moment.)

What I enjoyed the most from Foundations was the remote-style course. It was my first time doing online school and being with people from other states and countries all coming

together for our education. It was really cool. I enjoyed the low maintenance of school. I really liked the flow of each day of school. The schedule of each day was excellent. Each part of the day was there for a purpose and it made it so I could know what was going to happen and plan accordingly each day. Overall I just really enjoyed the whole experience. Having mentors that could offer 1 on 1 guidance almost every day was truly sublime. I loved being able to ask questions and find answers in a timely manner.