

Product Team Updates

February In Product

Updates to the SD Flatiron Course

The product team, collaborating with Flatiron, has successfully resolved issues such as missing images, broken links, and deprecated reference resources in the Software Development (SD) courses. For the involved teams, please continue to share any issues/challenges with the content with your classroom leadership teams for further product support.

Skills Pathway

Implemented is a three-week introduction to web design, rooted in a user-centered design approach. By acknowledging the human factors influencing design choices, learners will gain the groundwork to craft digital products that foster inclusivity and deliver comprehensive user experiences. This 3 week addition has been added to Phase-0 meaning that the Skills Pathway has a 5 week enhanced Phase 0. We hope that the revamped BPs will optimize instructor support, minimizing time spent on help-desk troubleshooting.

Launch of the SD Mobile Course

The SD Mobile course powered by Nucamp launched this week with 13 learners. The mobile course has an outstanding balance of modalities, relying more on video demonstrations and text-based content to complement the material. With support for cross-platform operations, the mobile course will open up new possibilities in the hand-held solutions where we expect learners to design applications for both iOS and Android portable devices.

Please look through the course outline [here](#)

MPesa Africa Mini Apps

The team is currently wrapping up development on the Silver Module. This module covers UI Frameworks for Intermediate Mini App Developers. The objective of this pathway is to assist developers in advancing their web development skills and knowledge by exploring APIs and understanding their utilization for communication with other applications to acquire data or services.

Soft-Skills

We kicked off the implementation for the 2024 Professional Development strategy with the pilot cohort (SDFFT09). The learners have been onboarded and assigned LinkedIn Learning licences. We have also started to implement grade weighting (15% for soft skills) for cohorts having their first professional development week in Q1 starting with SDFFT/PT08 and DSFT07. We are gearing up to upskill and reskill our learners this year as we strive to prepare them for the future of work.

March Priorities

Data Science Curriculum - Updates and Enhancement

We are dedicated to improving our Data Science curriculum by refining the feedback and iteration process. We are actively collaborating with the DS classroom and Flatiron teams to gather insights and resolve any curriculum-related issues or gaps. In the coming weeks, the classroom team should expect to receive updated instances addressing reported issues, such as broken image links, to ensure a smooth learning experience for our learners.

Cybersecurity Prep Course - Curriculum Revamp

We have received valuable feedback regarding content improvement, and as the Product Team, we remain committed to listening and addressing concerns. While immediate content changes may not be feasible, we are actively developing internal content aligned with the [cybersecurity prep course outline](#). This initiative aims not only to address key feedback areas from learners regarding the fragmented nature and lack of flow in the pilot curriculum but also to reduce costs incurred by content providers. The anticipated relaunch is scheduled for the Q2 class.

Cyber Security Analyst - New Course Planning

We kicked off planning for the next addition to our cybersecurity courses by embarking on launching a new bootcamp Cybersecurity Analyst+ (CySA+) course in partnership with CompTIA. This course builds upon the security knowledge covered in Security+ by providing a more in-depth look at security analysis and mitigation. Think of Security+ as providing a broad security knowledge base, and CySA+ as teaching you how to apply that knowledge in real-world scenarios to identify threats, analyze incidents, and implement effective responses.

More information on CySA+ [here](#).

Spotlight

Data Analytics for HR Professionals - Short Course

Analyzing HR data can provide valuable insights that can help organizations improve their performance and productivity. HR Analytics helps improve internal processes that relate to functions such as payroll, benefits, hiring, employee onboarding, employee performance, and overall employee morale. This short course starts on March 25th and will run for 4 weeks..

[Learn more here](#)

Quote of the Month

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. ~

Aristotle