

1. How has your knowledge of the tech field changed since class began?

My knowledge of the tech field has improved substantially. Before Devmountain I had a very general understanding of software and languages but a lot of the jargon eluded me. Since then I can understand more technical terms and have a better understanding of the various parts and languages of web development. I still have more to learn but I am getting more comfortable with it. I am also trying to use more technical terms so they don't feel as foreign to me when I am reading documentation or learning new tech.

2. 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 getting comfortable interacting with new people online. I had some social anxiety at times. I tried overcoming this by just pushing through. I enjoyed getting to know my classmates and mentors though. This was not detrimental to my learning, if anything it made it easier to ask questions to my classmates while pair programming.

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

Coming into Devmountain I had a pretty good idea of my learning style. The lectures made it clear that I am not a note taker, but the lecture demos and pair programming were the most helpful. I learn best when I am actually doing the work and make mistakes. Making mistakes shows me what I need to focus on and pushes me to do more research on it.

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

I will apply my learning style during Specializations by ensuring that I am spending more time coding and working through exercises. I will be more active in learning new skills and be more forgiving when I make mistakes.

5. What was your experience with pair programming like?

I enjoyed pair programming. It was nice to have someone to ask questions to or to bounce ideas off of. It also gave me some practice with collaboration, which is important when I start working in the field.

6. 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.)

I really enjoyed the assessments. I liked being on my own for those to see how much I really know. I also enjoyed squad time. We had a lot of great conversations about movies and other interests. I also really liked the PostgreSQL exercises, I think it's one of my stronger skills. My favorite moments though, were when I would figure out a solution or fix a bug. Seeing a function work after struggling with it always felt like a eureka moment!