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Module 2 Summary

This week, I learned about creating a local API using PHP to serve data and how to build a front-end application that consumes this API. Specifically, I focused on developing a PHP page that fetches data about the Pittsburgh Steelers from the API and displays it in a user-friendly format. I implemented pagination to allow users to navigate through different pages of information easily, enabling them to view details about the team's history, achievements, and notable players.

I encountered various challenges during this process, such as resolving issues with fetching data from the API and ensuring the correct handling of JSON responses. I also learned how to manage potential errors gracefully by using conditional statements to check if the API call was successful and whether the data was properly decoded.

Additionally, I explored how to enhance the user interface by displaying the current page and total pages of data and providing navigation links for users to move between pages. This included coding to generate previous and next links based on the current page.

Lastly, I researched how some websites, like Etsy, utilize PHP and databases to deliver dynamic content. This helped me understand the broader context of how PHP is used in real-world applications, particularly in e-commerce settings. Overall, this week has deepened my understanding of PHP programming, API interactions, and the importance of efficient data management in web development.