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When looking at the ten things we did not cover, I thought that “Careers in Web Design” would be the most beneficial to me. My first takeaway from this video was that it is important to start thinking about projects that I can do now as they will benefit me later. Personal products can help me learn and get better at designing, but also are a great way to showcase your skills and devotion to employers. Next, a degree is not necessary for many web design positions but can be very helpful. There will probably be no need to go on and get a masters. I should expect to continue learning after college, as technology is constantly changing and you described it in two to three year cycles. I can do this through things like YouTube, books, and web courses. My possible job titles include Junior front end developer, designer, and user experience. I will likely work under senior developers and managers, doing sprint work (taking tasks that are pieces of a large goal). I will be expected to learn and grow and will probably have some sort of mentor or manager to guide me. I may work at a startup, FAANG (Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, Google), small business, medium business, large/fortune 500, or even contracting. My role will be something along the lines of visual designer, user experience designer, front-end developer, junior project manager, etc. I should do a lot of research regarding what I want in life and a career, what field I want to work in, what kind of company I want to work for, and whether or not I want to eventually run a business. The average base pay for a web designer in Lansing is about \$50,000, but around \$100,000 in Washington D.C. When it comes to the interview, I should be nice and on time, come prepared with questions about the company and interviewer, and expect to be asked technical or coding questions. After the first month with a company, I should be 100% settled in with no HR issues, up-to-speed on project / role, and equipment should be set. I should keep asking questions and soaking up as much knowledge as I can. I should not stress over not getting promoted as juniors are juniors for two to three years. I should take on bigger roles whenever I can, like taking part in presentations and meetings.

I really appreciate this extra content being posted as it really gives me some sense and direction that I lacked. I know what I am learning and whether or not I enjoy it, but many courses do not make it clear what that knowledge will be used for or really give you things to be excited about. This course really had a good mix of content and what it will be like using it in the workforce, which has been very beneficial. I now have a lot to think about and some information to start acting on a career in web design.