

## **Introduction to the course and personal learning goals**

### **Reflection:**

It's my first trimester in Griffith University and I am glad I have enrolled in this course. Before I embarked my journey in Griffith University as a master student, I had been working in this industry as a full-stack developer for almost 3 years. Compare to other courses I enrolled in this trimester, such as Programming Principle 1 or Data Management, this course attracts me more relatively, and I expect that I can learn more knowledge from this course than other ones. Though I am not a beginner in software development, but I still have much space to improve, such as writing a cleaner code, optimizing application performance and most importantly, have a holistic and comprehensive understanding of the structure of applications.

In the first week, I have glanced at all the modules of this course, and I found that there are some topics that I could really learn something from it. For example, module 3 is about improving user experience to satisfy end users, as most of time I would work in front-end, so this topic is highly related to me. In the past I often ignored the UX when I was designing a website, I just built website with my personal aesthetics, of course, I received many complaints from users. Thus, I think this module can help me stand in user's shoes and make a better website that could achieve business goal more smoothly. Another reason I think this course can really help me is that I am currently preparing the AWS Solution Architecture certification exam, I wish I could become a DevOps engineer in the future as it's my dream job, and to achieve this goal, the most important thing is not about how well you can write code, it is about how thoroughly you understand the overall process, from building infrastructures to delivering productions, and this course can help me reach that exactly.

For me, my strategy to maximise the learning is trying to explain what I learn with my friends or even my granny, as simple as possible. I believe that if you can make someone who has 0 expertise in a specific area understand what you say, then you can call yourself an expert. Another strategy I apply in every course is that I would spend lots of time reading or watching related content on the Internet, I prefer to learn a topic from many different persons, it could effectively spot my blind areas.