

Class Self-Reflection

Before taking "Web Development," I didn't have any background in HTML or web development. I came into the class with zero experience, and honestly, I felt pretty nervous at the beginning. But over the course of the semester, I learned so much — not just about building websites, but also about how small pieces of code come together to create something real and functional.

One part of the class that I really enjoyed was the hands-on coding sessions. Every time we had a class where we were writing HTML, trying out new tags, or adjusting layouts, I felt like I was making real progress. It was very satisfying to start with a blank page and slowly turn it into a real webpage. I learned how to structure a page properly with headers, paragraphs, links, and images. I also learned some basic CSS to make my pages look more organized and visually appealing. For me, learning by actually writing code made everything click — it wasn't just theory, it was something I could see and test immediately. Those moments made me realize how much I enjoy building things from scratch.

On the other hand, I have to be honest — the reading assignments were not my favorite part. Some of them were interesting because they connected web development to bigger ideas like accessibility and design ethics, but overall, I found it hard to stay focused during the readings. They sometimes felt too theoretical or distant from the actual coding work we were doing. Compared to the excitement of seeing a webpage come alive, reading articles felt slower and, at times, a little boring. I still understand why we needed them — they added important context — but personally, I connected much more with the hands-on parts of the course.

The biggest thing I learned from this class is that building a good website is about more than just making it look nice. It's about making sure the structure is clear, the content is accessible, and the design is thoughtful. Even simple choices like using the right tags, adding alt text to images, and organizing information well can make a big difference. I never thought about those details before this class, but now they seem essential.

Another important thing I gained is the confidence to code independently. In the beginning, even basic HTML looked intimidating to me. Now, I feel comfortable opening a code editor, setting up a simple page, and even solving small problems when things don't work right. I also got curious about going further — learning more about CSS design techniques and maybe trying some JavaScript in the future.

Overall, I'm really grateful I took this Web Development class. It gave me my first real experience with coding, and it showed me that even starting from scratch, it's possible to learn a lot with practice and support. Even though I didn't enjoy every part of the course equally, the skills I gained — and the feeling of building something from nothing — are things I'll carry with me as I keep learning and growing.