What did you learn from the websites on careers in web design and development?

One of the things I noticed while reading the job description from the several jobs on the list is that they, pretty much all, required 0-2 years of related experience. This alone made me wonder if, without any experience, I could also apply for one of these jobs. On the other hand, if the time I spend studying and learning the things necessary for the job, as I’ll be doing during this bachelor’s, would be seen as experience.

Most of the jobs’ description is very hard for me to understand. Maybe because I'm new into this, as WDD130 is my first class related with web development. Moreover, I realised that many of the jobs expect the employee to know several web development languages such as HTML, Java, PHP, JSP, ASP.NET, Python, AJAX, etc. and this seems, for a layman, daunting. I'm learning HTML and Python now, and I can see, there's still a lot to learn and to master. Probably, from all the jobs I read about, the one which I identify myself with is Web Designer. I'm kind of an artistic person and love to play with colours and shapes. With this said, I remember that in one of the past weeks, while learning about web development jobs, one of the videos explained that, nowadays, companies expect people to do much more than just web design. They expect people who can also be front-end developers, for example so 1 person can do everything. This made me think about UI designer/developer which, again, requires me to learn several web development languages. In addition to this, I also learned that despite of how demanding these jobs seem to be, they are, from my perspective, well paid and that is something that excites me.

What did you learn from this class in general?

During this short period in WDD130 I have been learning the complexity of creating web content and, still, in its simplest way, how to do it, and display it.

I became familiar with what is a code editor and how to work with it. A new web development language, such as HTML, was introduced to me and along with it, several elements, and attributes that quite frankly, I still don’t master, and I know it will take me some time to get used to them and how to use them properly. Even with the help of the “HTML5 Element Flowchart” I find tricky to understand exactly when to use what. Most of the times I lean towards “DIVs” because they are very subjective and easy to remember and to use. I also learned how to personalize the webpage through fonts and colours, and how to display and organize and display the items through CSS. This, even though the hardest part for me, is what I love to do the most. That’s why I lean towards Web Design jobs. Speaking of this, it was also through this class that I have been learning about possible jobs and careers. Another very important thing, which I had no clue before, is that there are many laws for web sites creation, depending on which country we are, and that a great amount of planning is necessary before actually start writing HTML and CSS. When planning a website, part of that planning is to know what type of audience the web site is destined to, as what is the message we want to send. Then, we need to think of what and how to write to keep the audience motived. How they will to see it and how accessible and intuitive the web site is, so everyone can access it. After all of this, we have another very important thing such as the creation of a wireframe. This allows us and the client to see and discuss the direction of the project, have a rough idea of the future web page and this makes easier all the processes after.

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