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Kannan - Catching Up With You

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Hey Saswat,

I'm sorry I missed the email. I am traveling and not checking emails as frequently.

Good to know that you had a decent experience with the contract and like you said, we can take the lessons from it and move on. My thoughts on your specific questions below

1. Learning any tool/language/framework is a personal endeavor. I have friends who do it by diving into the deep end and learning as they need and also friends who are methodical with learning before they write their first line of code. I'm in the middle, I would suggest going over tutorials for concepts (prefer literature to video here) first, then for specific questions, take help as needed (here you can rely on youtube/stackoverflow/claude etc)

2. Code reviews from experienced peers are the best way to get feedback on your code. AI tools can help rewrite code and suggest optimizations just like they do for natural languages. I would suggest worrying about this later though. From what I heard, independent work is what you need the most right now. I would suggest focusing on writing code to solve problems functionally first, professionalism also comes with practice.

3. If you are interested in AI as a field of science, yes. AI is impacting all professions, its a significant enough event in human history. Its unfortunate that it is affecting entry level jobs across all industries disproportionately too. What AI lets us do is to think more in abstract and treat it as a tool to solve problems. Relevant examples to you could be

- Asking chatgpt/other ai assistants pointed questions in natural language about technology. Dont ask them to write code for you though
- Use copilot/claude like tools to help with coding, much like you use a spell check or grammar check in writing online, you can achieve similar results. The important thing is to focus on you, your craft and your learning more than the actual help you get from AI in each situation

I'm not a MERN expert, but if you send me code snippets or add me as a reviewer to projects, I can try to help with reviews, I also have friends who are better versed in things like react who could help

Best,
- Aniraj

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