As someone who had never dealt with coding and always “sucked wind” when it came to statistics and mathematical logic, this course is everything I expected it to be and more.

I love the most about the experience: the accessibility and camaraderie among the instructors, TAs, and class members. It is a consistent team effort that allows for continuous material comprehension and collaboration throughout the most challenging aspects. Furthermore, the instructor and TAs are always accessible outside of class hours and are still willing to go the extra mile for walkthroughs, questions, homework, or project help. It is a quite positively unique characteristic that exceeds expectations.

What I like about the course is the general structure, accommodation, and delivery. The material is easy to follow, broken down into manageable chunks, delivered at a comfortable pace, and encourages retention and incremental application.

What I dislike about the course is the number of hours, sidebars, and work. The hours and work came with signing up for the program, so my dislike is truly moot for those aspects. However, for sidebars, I find the number of questions posed per class a bit distracting, as we have a lot of material to cover, and most problems may resolve on a classmate’s own time with a tutor, Google, or AskBCS.

With my new “superpowers,” I plan to create standardized data processes and hopefully develop an independent section in the current work—a full working group devoted to data processes and improved data capabilities for situational analysis and data visualizations. I want to develop an application down the line, design a video game, and conduct significant data products and practices across the emergency management field, regardless of my future employment.

General remarks: thank you very much for the opportunity to expand my data skills, and I am genuinely grateful for everyone’s encouragement, assistance, and generosity.