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Careers in Web Design and Development

For this assignment I decided to look exclusively at entry level positions, as they will be the ones I will reasonably be considering when changing my career to enter this field. A lot of other jobs are simply higher-level roles with these same specialties and become higher paying as you gain more experience in the field.

The roles I spent most of my time looking into were “Digital Producer I”, “UI Designer/Developer I”, “Java Developer”, and “E-Commerce Site Developer I”. The focus of these roles involved developing, launching and maintaining websites and involve different coding languages. Some have a higher focus on back-end languages and some focus on front-end, but all seem to involve at least an understanding of both. Also mentioned in a few different roles were focusing on performance of the site and security. A well-rounded knowledge base of all systems related to site operation seem to be highly sought after skills.

This course has taught me the fundamentals of site design and given me a basic understanding of layout and core syntax of a website. I’ve also found the information regarding how to inspect a webpage and troubleshooting coding errors very valuable. While I’m leaning towards specializing in back-end systems a little more with my current knowledge, I’m excited to continue learning and investigating potential career paths once I am ready to pursue a career in this field.

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