

Looking back at the begging of the class, I never in a million years thought I was going to be able to get a website up and running by myself. I came into this class with the biggest fear being me not understanding code and getting to the point where I would get so frustrated I would give up. Now, that's not to say that I didn't feel like that from time to time, but my professor as well as my classmates helped me through those frustrating times. Taking a look at my first assignment I did which was the coded resume, it looks really, really ugly (not going to lie to myself). The point of the assignment wasn't to make it the most beautiful thing in the world though, it was to get us comfortable with using Brackets as well as different codes and what they meant along with where to insert them. Over the time period of creating the coded resume, I had many frustrations. I didn't understand the floating of the boxes, the borders, the margins, the padding, basically the whole shebang when we first started working on it as a class. Knowing I wasn't the only one who was struggling though made it that much easier for me to try and figure these things out though. Taking the time in class to go through code as well as outside of class in office hours helped immensely. At the end of the day, my resume came out ugly, but it got across that I understood the basics of borders, making boxes float, margins, padding, and everything else. Comparing my coded resume to my website I have up and running now though is crazy to look at. My resume was nothing but words, 3 different colors, and boxes. My website now contains pictures, a navigation bar, links to different PDF files, and even a link to my Twitter. Like I said before, I never in a million years thought I would be capable of doing all of that. I know my website now isn't the prettiest thing in the world, but compared to my resume as well as what my sketches looked like before I started coding, I've come a long way. If I had the time, which I definitely needed more of, I would have loved to play around with my photography page and

make it more appealing to the eye. I also would love to eventually figure out how to get a video for my home page instead of just a still picture. This is definitely an ongoing project for me though, so I want to continue to learn code as well as change the website for the future; whether that may be for portfolio reasons, or even when it comes to applying for jobs. As far as my comfort level goes, I think I have a bit more than a basic knowledge of coding and writing for the web. Working on this final project, people were around me studying and they told me coding looked like another language to them, but I was able to successfully explain what most of the code meant and what it does when it's linked to the server. I'm not an expert, obviously, but I do believe I have more than a basic understanding of how to code, and I could definitely get by in the future creating a standard website on my own. For future classes, I think Professor Wolff should hold a mandatory meeting at least every other week. For me, the meetings were crucial in my understanding of the code and asking questions. I wish I met with Professor Wolff more, because every time I did it definitely helped me. I think if I had more time and made plans to meet more in office hours I would have achieved my goals for my website. But, until I do achieve my goals it is a continuous work in progress.