

Student-Centered Learning Opportunity Proposal

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I started a new job in January, where I am using HTML and CSS. Having previously managed websites and been employed as a digital media director, I am familiar with them. However, the knowledge used for that work came from a two-day class last century and a short continuing education course more than 15 years ago. There have been large gaps when I have not used HTML and forget what I learned earlier. When the need arises, I often search online for quick fixes to meet my needs.

Unlike previous instances, I am not working on web pages in isolation at my current job. I need to ensure my work follows the latest HTML and CSS standards, so it does not cause unexpected problems with the code other team members utilize. In addition to that, I want to be a reliable resource to coworkers who are not familiar with HTML and CSS at all. I fix problems on web pages for them and, at their request, started creating short tutorials on how to do that. I want to give them the most accurate information. I believe a certification in HTML and CSS will make me more efficient at my job, save me time searching for answers, and validate my skills.

Certificate/Credential Sought

I am planning to earn a Udemy certificate for the course named “Web Design for Beginners: Real World Coding in HTML & CSS.” It can be found at

<https://www.udemy.com/course/web-design-for-beginners-real-world-coding-in-html-css/>.

The course is aimed at people new to HTML and CSS, hobbyists, and experienced developers wanting to refresh their skills (Udemy, 2020). The Udemy site description states learners will create responsive website layouts, use CSS3 to add animations and effects to websites, and learn design industry terminology skills (2020). Not specific to this course, but Udemy does provide an example image of one its certificates. It is shown on Figure 1.

Figure 1

Sample Udemy Certificate



Timeline

The Udemy course includes 22 sections and totals 10 hours and 54 minutes. To complete the course by the end of EDTC 6341 Week 6, which is April 18, I plan to divide the sections as shown in Figure 2.

Figure 2

Udemy Course Learning Timeline



Evaluating Learning

In addition to obtaining the Udemy certificate, a successful outcome would be saved time and increased confidence in my skills. I would not have to search online for answers for simple HTML and CSS changes or to double-check the HTML I used. I would be confident in the answers I provide to coworkers about HTML and CSS. I expect my new skills to include ways to format text, properly use div tags, use inline and external CSS, properly create and format tables, create responsive websites, and understand what Bootstrap is. I want to use this knowledge to minimize problems for my coworkers, who have been facing web page styling issues on our current project. Hopefully, I will also have an opportunity to share what I learned with those who do not know HTML and CSS.

Summary

I plan to complete a self-directed Udemy course on HTML and CSS, in hopes of becoming more efficient in creating and styling web pages and becoming a more valuable resource to my coworkers. The 11-hour online course will be broken up into weekly learning segments of about four hours to complete it by April 18. My job allows me to implement the new skills immediately, helping me strengthen them. If larger projects using HTML and CSS develop at my workplace, I will be able to build on my existing skills, instead of having to start from scratch learning the basics properly.

References

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