

This is a reflection of my experience in working on my CPSC 430 course project.

What was the single most useful or meaningful thing you learned in this experience?

The most meaningful part of working on a client's project in CPSC 430 is that I obtained experience working in a real life scenario. A lot of the projects that are done through my classes have been structured in a way to teach a specific topic, but this project allowed to use everything I knew in order to complete the project the best way that I thought fit.

What knowledge or skills acquired or developed while in college were most useful in this experience?

For my CPSC 430 project I had to use skills that I have developed over the course of multiple classes. The project was a web application so my multiple classes which taught me about web development definitely played a substantial role in making me feel able to successfully complete the project.

What problems or struggles did you encounter in this experience, if any? If so, how did you solve them?

My biggest struggle on this project was finding time during my busy semester to give it the attention it required. Luckily this was a team project and we were able to hold each other accountable for our individual parts of the project.

In what areas would you most like to continue to strengthen your knowledge or skills?

The great thing about the field of computer science is that there is always room to grow and to do something differently. I was fairly comfortable with doing everything that I worked on in this project. If I wanted to have more of a challenge then I might have learned a different language to program it in, or decided to use different data structures that I was less familiar with using.

Describe something significant that you have learned about yourself in this experience.

One significant discovery of myself that I have learned is that I am very comfortable taking the position and project manager. While I had no intention of squandering the ideas and opinions of my project members, I was generally the one who was making the pivotal decisions for our group.

Has this experience changed your post-graduation plans? If so, how?

While this has not changed my post-graduation plans, I believe that it has given me more confidence to pursue those jobs which might have seemed a little more intimidating before.