

# Week 13 Reflection

## Material Review

This week we focused on React after the brief introduction Friday of last week. We learned about the true power of components and how to appropriately pass data. On Friday of this week we moved into the full MERN stack and finally combined the two weeks of back-end and week of front-end into one cohesive stack. I prefer dealing with front-end and back-end instead of one or the other.

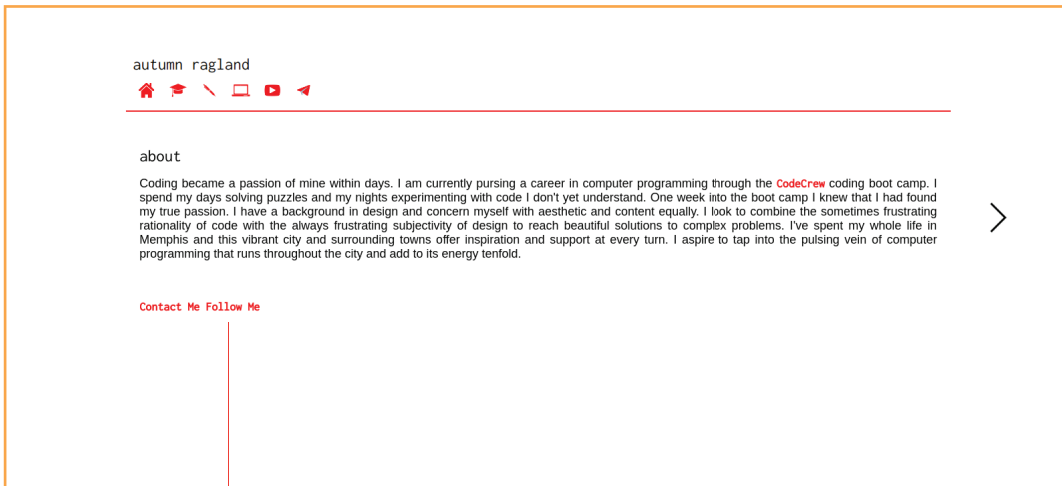
## Side Project

In addition to this week's lessons I worked on a simple side project for Kevin. I added some simple CSS to the Django based JavaScript question bank to make it a little more aesthetic and easy to use. I really enjoyed working on this small project and I plan to dedicate more time to 'personal projects' during the week to keep up my skills.

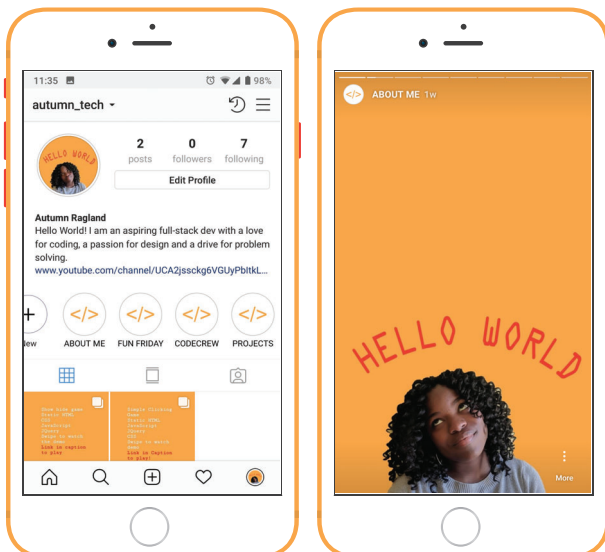
## Essential Skills

This week we had our first essential skills seminar/workshop. The representative from Green Mountain Technology gave up an engaging and informative introduction to developing and perfecting a personal brand. I was happy to learn that most students view me as intelligent and approachable although some view me as a show-off. I will strive to meet positive expectations and dispel negative perceptions.

## Portfolio Update



My portfolio update this week is very subtle and unrelated to the prototype that I presented in my last weekly reflection. I have been working on creating a tech instagram, separate from my personal instagram, in order to establish a professional social media presence. I linked my profile to my portfolio and have spent the last week laying a foundation for the instagram.



I wanted to have some consistency between my profile and my youtube channel so I used the same colors and fonts. I posted two small projects to my profile with a demo and a list of programs used and a link where the user can view the project. In order to do this I had to deploy my projects using GitHub pages. I am excited to have these two small projects fully accessible.



I spent most of my time on my profile creating story highlights. These are always accessible on the page and give the user a little insight into who I am and what I'm doing without having to scroll through my profile. I included an About Me highlight that describes my love of coding and points users to my GitHub and portfolio. I also included a Fun Friday highlight where I will post short videos every Friday about something new that I learned. I included a Code Crew highlight that describes the boot-camp. And finally I included a Projects highlight for me to post progress of projects to show that I am always learning.