Advanced Programming Syllabus

Learn how to create web applications using server-side code called PHP and MySQL databases. You will be creating a clone of Instagram. You will learn how to pull images and content from a database, display it, organize it, and filter it. You will also create an admin portal to upload and manage content to display on your page.

Part One: PHP

Learn about the programming language PHP and how it is used to create dynamic web pages

- Introduction to PHP
 - What is server-side code
 - What is PHP compared to other programming languages
 - Basic display of code
 - Including external files
 - "Echo" command for displaying content
 - Variables: store and access data dynamically
- Build a dynamic restaurant website
 - Introductions
 - Refactoring code for multi-page display
 - Adding additional pages
- Data types and logic essentials
 - o Text strings, numbers, booleans
 - if/else statements
 - Variable validation
 - o Refinement of restaurant website
- Arrays
 - Learn how to create usable lists of data
 - Learn what associative arrays are and their benefit
 - Looping through arrays with "for", "while", and "foreach"
 - Learn about nested arrays
- Capture and utilize inputs for secure, dynamic pages
 - Learn "get" commands for dynamic page behavior
 - Learn to use forms with "post" to save and secure input data
 - Create recipe app
- Advanced variable types
 - Type checking
 - Type casting
 - o Include and require commands

Databases: MySQL

Learn how to store and pull information from a MySQL database for dynamic web page creation.

- Intro to MySQL/MariaDB
- Creating database tables
 - Column types
 - o Indexes
- Posting data to a database from a form
- Pulling data from a database and displaying it on the page
- Cross-site scripting and how to avoid it

Instagram Site

All these data points will be used to create a facsimile of an Instagram page. Learn to create a secure admin portal for logging in, posting new data, and editing/deleting current data.