My name is Berend Jak and I am living in the Netherlands. You are probably reading this because you want to know who I am. I am living in a small town near Amsterdam called Wormer. I grew up here with my parents, two older sisters and a younger brother. We are a kind of a musical family. My mother can play the piano, along with my sisters who can so as well. My father can play the guitar and the bass. I play the drums, guitar and I sing as well. And then you have my little brother who can play YouTube as no-one can.

But enough about the music, you probably want to know what I can do in terms of programming skills. I’m currently studying Application and Media Development. I have learned the basics of C# and a bit of PHP. Mainly I am focusing to web development and design, because I was surprised to see all the possibilities you have with (S)CSS and JavaScript. If you want to see what I have made, you can go to ‘Portfolio’. So the languages I know the best are HTML and (S)CSS and I am developing my skills in JavaScript. I have learned HTML and (S)CSS on my own, because my study isn’t really going deep into that subject.

When I was around the age of fourteen, I started with programming in C++ because of my dad. Back in the days he was a programmer himself and said I should start at a young age. I followed some instruction videos on YouTube and got the hang of it. This helped me understand the basics of (almost) any programming language. A bit later I started with HTML. This was a whole different type of programming, much simpler. I did it more and more, and then I discovered CSS with which you can do almost anything with to fancy up your website. I loved it and I knew I wanted to go learn more about it.

At the age of sixteen I was in my last year of my high school. I had to do an internship for a week so I wanted to do something with programming. I went to my uncle who has a company called ‘Appedemic’ which makes apps and websites. I learned there some helpful things and after a while I even got to do a little job, I had to make a mobile website. It wasn’t very complex but it was my first real job as a programmer.

In the study I am currently following, I had to do an internship for 6 weeks. I went to a company called ‘Cobra Systems’. I came there because of my cousin who works there. I had a great time, my colleagues where nice and I learned a lot. As well as how it goes in the company community as well programming wise. In my ‘Portfolio’ you can see a part of what I made during one halve my internship.