



INTRO TO WEB DEVELOPMENT

WHAT IT IS, HOW THEY DO IT, AND WHY YOU SHOULD DO IT TOO!

UPCOMING MEETUPS

OKC-SHARP Lightning Talks

11:30AM

Monday 10/2/2017

OKC PHP – Queues and Commands

11:30AM

Tuesday 10/3/2017

WHO AM I?

- My name is Daniel Ashcraft
- I have been working as a Web and Software Developer for around 3 years now
- I do not have a degree in computer science, I have an associates in applied science
- I am a co-organizer for FCCOKC

WHAT IS WEB DEVELOPMENT?

- To put it simply, web development is any work you do for websites on the internet or extranet.
- Leaving imagery aside, web development consists of anything and everything you see on every website.
- Job Growth in Web Development is extraordinarily high (27%)
- Salaries for Web Developers is extraordinarily high (median of \$84,651 nationally, \$62,000 locally)

HOW DO YOU BECOME A WEB DEVELOPER?

- Go to college and get a 4 year degree in computer science or related field
- Go to a bootcamp and within 8-12 weeks have the skills to get hired
- Self teach (there are resources like freecodecamp, codecademy, datacamp, etc)

I personally went the self teach route, tried the college thing but it wasn't for me.

MISCONCEPTIONS?

- It takes too long...
I've seen someone be hireable within 3 months and 3 years. It's completely dependent upon how much time and effort you invest into it, like anything else.
- It's hard to do... It involves math...
You are not born knowing how to do web development, you have to learn it like everyone else. Although it isn't for everyone, the actual difficulty to get an entry level job, isn't all that high. Math is a prerequisite but only on a basic level, strong math skills do help in general though.
- I won't be able to get a job... I can't lose my current job...Will I make enough to survive...
Your first job is the hardest one to get, but every job after that is significantly easier and pays significantly more. Entry jobs pay, on average, between 19\$-22\$ an hour. If you self study, it's free and you don't have to quit your job to do it.

WOULD I ENJOY THE JOB?

Only if you enjoy:

- Solving problems (visual, data driven, business, customer service, etc)
- Constantly Learning (The best way, the next big thing, for fun)
- Great Pay (Seriously, the pay is great)
- Great Benefits (The benefits are dependent on the employer, but they are generally good)
- Respect in the workplace (this is my favorite)
- Great work environments (Do your job with ample free time, go for a walk, go out to a lunch meeting)

OUR NEXT MEETUP

During our next meetup we will be getting into HTML, what it is, how to use it, and general best practices!