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## The code I'm still ashamed of



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Learn to code – <u>free 3,000-hour curriculum</u> some point in your career, someone will ask you to code something a little deceitful – if not outright unethical.

This happened to me back in the year 2000. And it's something I'll never be able to forget.

I wrote my first line of code at 6 years old. I'm no prodigy though. I had a lot of help from my dad at the time. But I was hooked. I loved it.

By the time I was 15, I was working part-time for my dad's consulting firm. I built websites and coded small components for business apps on weekends and in the summer.

I was woefully underpaid. But as my dad still likes to point out, I got free room and board, and some pretty valuable work experience.

Later, I managed to help fund a part of my education through a few freelance coding gigs. I built a couple of early e-commerce sites for some local small businesses.

By age 21, I managed to land a full-time coding job with an interactive marketing firm in Toronto, Canada.

The firm had been founded by a medical doctor and many of its clients were large pharmaceutical companies.

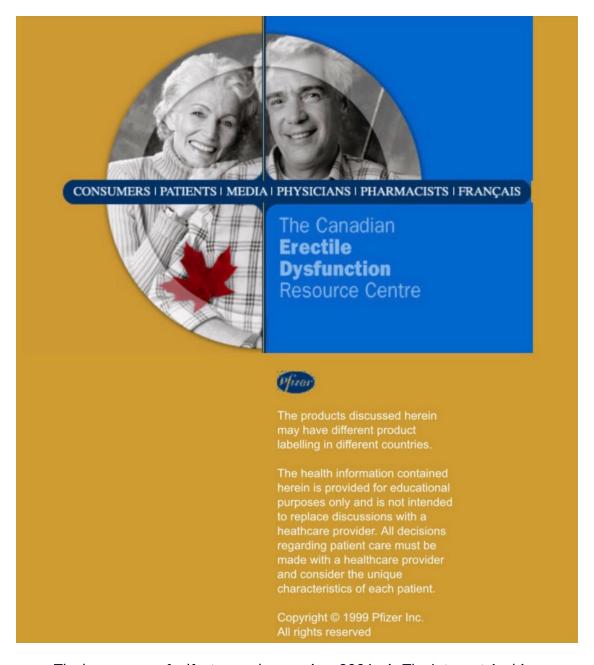
In Canada, there are strict limits on how pharmaceutical companies

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meant to address. Then, if a visitor could prove they had a prescription, they were given access to a patient portal with more specific info about the drug.



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