Hi everybody,

My name is Connor Healy. I am 36 years old and I am at a point where I need to change my career. I have been the owner of an auto repair business for the last 5 years and was kind of forced out due to a back surgery. Well, that, and not making much money in the trade, bad timing I guess. I signed the papers for the shop in October of 2008, in November the bottom fell out of the economy. I gave it a good shot but I was digging myself out of a gigantic hole from the start. The surgery was the final straw.

When I had the surgery, the Doctor told me that I have a bit of a shelf life so far as working on cars goes and it is time to, well, stay on or get off the pot. I decided it would be easier to start a new career now rather than in ten years when my back blows out completely. So, here I am at Full Sail. I have been working on a Website with a few friends for a couple years and was completely frustrated by templates and downloads of widgets. None of them were exactly what I wanted and if I am going to put this kind of time into something, it should be exactly what I want. I started looking into web design.

I started messing around with [www.Codecademy.com](http://www.Codecademy.com) and I had a blast with it. I did not get too much into JavaScript but I did “Pass” their HTML and CSS “Courses”. By the time I got to JavaScript, I was in Full Sail. I have always been in awe of the Internet and knew if I ever got out of working on cars, I would like to do something that involves the Internet. Again, here I am. Since I got the Launch box, I have been doing schoolwork, obviously, but when I am done with that I have been obsessively taking tutorials in Photoshop, After Effects, Premier Plus, Audition, Illustrator. Basically everything I can.

I love to turn a blank screen into something nice. Taking nothing and making something out of it. My favorite part of any computer design is the hours you spend intensely staring at the screen, perfecting every detail and then sitting back at the end and finally seeing the whole picture. That feeling of, “holy crap, did I just do that?” There in lies my passion.

When I get out of school I would like to do as much as I can and be as diverse as I can. I can see myself working for a Web Design company for a while under somebodies direction while doing some animation or Photoshop touch ups on portfolios on the side, who knows. I would like to keep my feet in as much as I can.

The editor I used during WPF was Web Storm. I like that one a lot. I am not sure how it stacks up against any of the other ones but I am an “If it aint broke, don’t fix it” kind of a guy. So far as time I will be spending in this course, my schedule has been cleared. I see we have a 600 page book to read and more than a couple activities so, I think I just may be off the grid for a month.

Well, I wish everybody luck with the class. If anybody needs help with anything, I will do what I can. My email is [kiltic@gmail.com](mailto:kiltic@gmail.com). Cell #: 908-268-9203. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kiltic>

Have a great day!

Sincerely,

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