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Throughout my career, I have been a self-starter. A strong dose of curiosity often leads me to jumping into learning new concepts and technologies. Whether it’s a new design tool, learning a new technique for programming in HTML and JavaScript, or finding new ways to more efficiently use my computer and software, I’m always researching and utilizing online training solutions.

This has served me and my employers well. My willingness to learn a new piece of software or a new way to code has stretched my abilities, and made me a more valuable asset the company can leverage for new revenue opportunities.

**Experience**

**Senior Interactive Designer**

NewsOK, The Oklahoman Media Company – Oklahoma City, OK • August 2006 to Present

* Principal resource for rich media design and development, including advertising, email blasts and splash pages
* Coordinate consistent UI/UX themes between editorial and advertising
* Mentor and train print designers in rich media production
* Utilize online training and research new technologies
* Initiated and led committee to research and implement a new ad ticketing system that saves time and reduces miscommunication, avoiding costly reruns
* Creating revenue opportunities for sales staff through research of new ad units
* Extensively use HTML5, CSS3, and JavaScript

**Owner/Designer/Developer**

Nick of Time Design – Yukon, OK • August 2005 to Present

* Founded and manage freelance design and development company
* Effectively collaborate with clients in several different business sectors
* Research and implement new web technologies that benefit new and existing clients
* Create effective solutions for business websites using HTML5, CSS3, Wordpress/PHP, and JavaScript

**Art Director**

Limousin World magazine – Guthrie, OK • February 2002 to August 2006

* Created effective and memorable designs in magazine layout and logo creation that increased ad and subscription sales
* Initiated and implemented a new magazine design and layout, including a style guide that garnered renewed interest from former subscribers and led to resubscriptions
* Redesigned and developed a new website with speed improvements that targeted customers with slower connections, allowing more online subscription orders
* Implemented a new workflow and constructed a new workstation for photo scanning and editing, which allowed the company to open a revenue stream selling large-format photos from various events and sales

**Interactive Designer (Contract)**

Card2Net – Sacramento, CA • August 2001 to February 2002

* Created memorable interactive content for optical media business cards
* Took the initiative to learn Macromedia Flash to expedite order fulfillment

**Interactive Designer**

PSINet – Oklahoma City • May 1999 to August 2001

* Designed and developed websites for local companies
* Took lead role on design and production of interactive CDs for use in sales
* Performed tech support for customers who purchased self service eCommerce packages

**Experience (continued)**

**Graphic Designer**

University of Central Oklahoma – Edmond, OK • May 1996 to May 1999

* Designed posters, brochures, and catalogs
* Created and maintained the first three iterations of ucok.edu
* Mentored student employees

**Education/Training**

**Bachelor of Arts, Graphic Design**

University of Central Oklahoma, May 1995

**Front End Web Development, Computer Software Engineering**

Free Code Camp, June 2016

**OK Coders Boot Camp, Back End Development**

July 2016

**Code Academy - www.codecademy.com/MikeMorkes**

JavaScript • PHP • Learn AngularJS • Learn Sass • jQuery

**Code School - www.codeschool.com/users/MikeMorkes**

Try PHP • Close Encounters with PHP • Shaping Up with AngularJS • JavaScript Road Trip 1-3

**Awards (2010-2016)**

**The Oklahoman Employee of the Month, January 2016**

**OPUBCO Publisher’s Club, 2010–2012**

* Online Ad of the Month, 17 awads
* Error-Free, 30 wins
* Best of Show, Online Advertising (2010)

**Skill Set**

HTML • CSS • JavaScript • jQuery

Wordpress • PHP

Coda • Atom • git • terminal

Photoshop • InDesign • Illustrator