

PROJECT & PORTFOLIO – MICHAEL RITCHIE

GITHUB

https://github.com/RomaRitchie/Ritchie_Michael_2_Portfolio

WEEK IN REVIEW

After reviewing my burn-up list for Week 1 – Discovery, I found that the highest priority activities closely followed the key assignments of the week. The development of my Anchor Points, and my introduction for the activity A Course for Confidence was clear, while the research on my success story of Tim Berners-Lee, GitHub, and SourceTree was an intensive process. However, I effectively managed my time by working on, and completing the activities before their due date. After actively listening to the GoToTraining session twice, I was lost on the required participation assignment. I then contacted my instructor Robin Alarcon through email for feedback on this matter, and she then clarified my uncertainty. My reaction was positive after gaining insight into my progress through review of the feedback and comments for this week's activities. With my completed burn-up list, and time estimation sheet for Week 2 – Planning & Branding, I feel confident moving forward in the projected next steps.

ANCHOR POINTS

What have you done?

Previously I attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. The degree I was pursuing was Electrical Engineering. While I was grasping and understanding the courses, I did not have a passion for the material at hand. I garnered an interest in programming after taking a basic computing class. From there I taught myself the basics of HTML and CSS. With this drive, I then enrolled to Full Sail University and transferred my credits from East Carolina University. From there I began undertaking the degree of Web Design & Development.

What are you doing?

I am currently working for a distribution company in Troutman, North Carolina while also attending Full Sail University. Along with clerical work, I do basic coding and maintenance for their website. For the upkeep of their content I design graphics and ads. This requires the use of the following programs, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and After Effects. These are three design applications that I have become fully fluent in. In my spare time I am furthering my knowledge of coding, and freely designing animations, patterns, and characters. A threat to my success is overloading myself with school, and paid design work while also desiring to create whimsical, yet somewhat pointless animations, and graphics.

What's Next?

After completing my degree at Full Sail University, I aim to be fully proficient in the world of Web Design & Development. With this new skillset, I aim to marry my passion for graphic design with my ability to create websites. Therefore, I am planning to use this opportunity to create an online portal for my current company. With this online database I plan to improve our proficiency and to remove our selves from the commercial host Bigcommerce. With this I will need assistance, and I will improve upon my ability of working with others as a team.

How will you accomplish this?

Through use of time management, collaboration, a positive and willing attitude, and unwavering determination, I will accomplish my journey of graduating Full Sail University with a Bachelor's degree in Web Design & Development. While I have a weakness for the desire to be a design powerhouse, I understand the need and strength of a cohesive team and the capability of what collaboration will bring to a project. Moving forward I will foster positive friendships with my fellow Full Sail students, and I will open myself up to the potential opportunities of working together.

REFLECT AND CONNECT

My time and effort this past week was spent reviewing and digesting the mass amount of information within Project and Portfolio. Primarily I struggled with the application SourceTree and GitHub. After reviewing the tutorials and processing this information, I chewed the elephant 'bit by bit'. My skill and understanding of GitHub terminology has increased and I am now aware of the capability to edit a .md through the use of textEdit and GitHub. My initial confusion of this course has now been met with a sound confidence and understanding. By performing well and meeting my own expectations I am continuing my past goal of delivering my finest. Through this I am also utilizing, and receiving my Full Sail education at its fullest potential and I will continue this in my future development.