

# EMILY MIKL

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## SUMMARY

Front-end developer who is passionate about the user! Proven end-to-end experience delivering enjoyable user experiences and beautiful, intuitive interfaces for enterprise-level software. Clear understanding of front-end technologies and frameworks, WCAG 2.0 & 2.1 web accessibility, design system components and component libraries. Experience working remotely as part of a team spread out across the United States.



## EXPERIENCE

Jan.  
2016 to  
Present

### NELNET, INC. (formerly Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation)

Lead developer for our corporate design system, Unifi. The Unifi Design System provides tested, accessible components that allow developers to build great user experiences. Prior to transitioning to our Customer Experience Design Studio team, I was part of an Agile Scrum team, supporting defaulted student loan products, including defaultloanhelp.com. My primary role on the team was front-end developer, working closely with the UI/UX design team on the user experience.

Some of my accomplishments at Nelnet include:

- Migrating our internal clients' marketing products to a content management system (Hubspot), which freed up our development team to work on more high priority efforts.
- Leading our office remodel effort, which included gathering requirements, facilitating discussion and compromise, working with our facilities team on the remodel plans and senior management on budget.
- Facilitating virtual fellowship with my employee comrades after we were all sent virtual due to COVID. This included virtual happy hours and game nights.
- Creating our Unifi Angular component library from scratch. You can view my components at work by visiting [angular.unifi.nelnet.io](http://angular.unifi.nelnet.io).
- Evangelizing the usage of our Unifi Design System across the organization. Mentoring and teaching developers how to use it in their projects.

Sept.  
to Dec.  
2015

### MASON COMPANIES, INC.

Web Designer on Internet marketing team. Duties included designing and developing emails and content for company websites (nine total ventures and brands), and creating responsive email campaigns (design and code).

May to  
August  
2015

### GREAT LAKES HIGHER EDUCATION CORPORATION

Completed a summer internship as a web design intern. Duties were project-based, and included graphic design for both print and web, front-end development using HTML, CSS and Javascript. Worked as part of a large team that included designers and developers, using Agile development method (Scrum).

May to  
August  
2014

### EAU CLAIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Completed a summer internship as a front-end web developer on a community project. Received feedback from the website committee as well as the marketing department, created graphics for the website, altered the WordPress template with CSS and some PHP, and tested on different browsers and mobile devices.

2000 to  
2013

### BLOOMER ADVANCE

Thirteen years of working on a deadline as a desktop publisher/graphic designer. I led the initiative to switch to digital pagination, coordinating with the press company and training our internal staff. After getting our Bloomer newspaper successfully switched over, I trained the staff at our other four newspapers, successfully migrating all of our newspapers to digital pagination. I also led the initiative to publish our newspapers online, which eventually led to my career change into web development.



## EDUCATION

- Present **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - MILWAUKEE**  
Once the kids were back in school after COVID lockdowns, I returned to school online and am currently earning my bachelors degree in Information Science & Technology.
- Sept.-  
Dec.  
2019 **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - STOUT**  
Prior to COVID was enrolled in the Information Communications and Technologies Bachelor's Degree program.
- Dec  
2015  
Grad **CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
Associates Degree in IT-Software Development. Cumulative GPA of 3.91. Member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Recipient of the Jean M. Peterson Memorial Scholarship, Northwestern Bank Scholarship, and two-time recipient of STEM Scholarship. Graduated Dec. 15, 2015.



## SKILLS

- Technical skills I excel at: HTML & CSS, SCSS/LESS, Angular, Angular Material, Typescript, Javascript, Jest and Karma (unit testing), Node Package Management (npm), jQuery, User Experience, Responsive Mobile-First Design, WCAG accessibility, Agile (Scrum). This is not a complete comprehensive list, as I am continuously learning new technologies, and have used many other tools throughout my career.
- Proficient using Git, Git Hub, Bitbucket, Atlassian tools (Confluence and JIRA), as well as Adobe CS products.
- Communication and analytical skills:
  - Empathy and compassion
  - Visual communication and technical writing
  - Attentive/Perceptive
  - Reading body language
  - Creative
  - Desire to learn
  - Innovative
  - Resourceful
  - Flexible
- Leadership skills:
  - Ownership
  - Decision making
  - Motivation and encouragement
  - Able to prioritize and manage multiple tasks
  - Mentoring
  - Compromise