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Careers in Web Design and Development

What did you learn from the websites on careers in web design and development?

From an outsider's perspective, it may seem that making a website is not as complex as it actually is. Web building companies like Wix and Squarespace are probably contributing to this notion which utilize a drag and drop feature, disregarding designing and coding. From what I have learned so far about web design and development, making a website is more just designing and coding. It can be a complex process, if you want it done right. This is evident in the many careers associated with web design and development, as stated in the Salary website. Someone can be in a general position of a web developer or a more specialized job like a java developer who is in charge of web-based Java applications. But even a specialized position can consist of varying pecializations. For example, UI/UX can also involve different jobs like information architect, researcher, and content manager.

It is good to know that there will be many different kinds of opportunities available in web design and development. It also doesn't hurt that the pay is not bad!

What did you learn from this class in general?

Before taking this class, I finished a course in HTML and CSS (COMM 310). This class gave me the foundation on these languages but left so many holes in information that this class, WDD 130: Web Fundamentals, has filled for me. Because HTML and CSS focused on utilizing WordPress and then customizing it with CSS, I had to wonder what I would do if I were to make a website from scratch. WDD 130 answered many of these questions for me by providing some information on the back end side of web development.

I really admire the way WDD 130's course has been set up. It has taught me "line upon line, precept upon precept" instead of dumping too much information and then figure out how to apply it. Because of this approach, I have a deeper understanding of how everything ties together in web development from hosting, web servers, design principles, coding and everything in between.

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