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

I have no problem in admitting that there was something that shocked me in doing this research: I was really surprised that the posted salaries (including average, range, high/low) were so high.

What *didn’t* shock me, however, was the descriptions of the work involved, the reporting to clients and supervisors, the technical skills called for, the amount of education and other work experience recommended and so forth. But this money thing, oh yes, it surprised me

The thing that I buffer this with, of course, is the understanding that the cost of living in Dallas, Las Vegas, etc (ie where a few of these jobs were posted for) is quite a bit higher than where I live (Brandon, Manitoba), and therefore compensatory figures are going to be higher.

1. What did you learn from this class in general?

When I enrolled in this class it was for two reasons: one, to better enable me to one day assist the church in its ongoing effort to be more easily found in online search; and, two, to learn the ‘nuts and bolts’ of web development and design.

To the former point, in a rather unique happenstance, I was blessed with the unique opportunity to test pilot some powerful software for the church, and am excited that they are now rolling it out worldwide. I look forward to re-engaging in that endeavour someday soon, and fully expect it to be a monumental step for bringing countless souls to the truth of the gospel.

To the latter point, I have learned from this class exactly what I set out to learn: how to code in CSS and HTML. You see, another thing you may not have known about me is that my wife and I run a company called *PBC Multi Media*. We’re in the business of helping businesses and other entities get found by, and be available to, their customers. For us, this includes print and online directories, listing management services, and of course websites and other similar services. This is why I’m generally able to understand the material that is being taught in the course: as I explained elsewhere recently, “I’m not fluent in the language of computers, but I’m exposed to it daily.”

Concluding the point, however, what we typically use in our business is template-driven development tools such as *Duda*. Thus, concepts like padding, borders, white space, overall design etc, are well within my wheel-house, but the actual language for coding them is a little newer to me.

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