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A value that was instilled in me from my early childhood was the quality of being teachable. Whenever I was in doubt of my capabilities, my mother used to remind me: "As long as you are willing to learn, you will always be useful to others." Since then, that has become a life motto. Not only do I consider it indispensable to maintain a passive willingness to learn but I also consider it invaluable to have the initiating desire to learn beyond what is comfortable and familiar. For a decade, I worked in the field of pastoral ministry. I considered it to be challenging and certainly never easy and yet also rewarding and helpful to my own personal growth as well as others. However, I always felt the need to learn technical skills in a particular trade in order to develop as an individual and also to be of greater benefit to the global community. I am old enough to remember a time when newspapers, network television, and FM radio were the dominant forms of media and computers were a niche interest for the hobbyist or specialist and the internet was widely unheard of. That age has since evaporated and the need for web development is only growing at a rapid pace. Therefore, if there was any trade I wanted to learn and ply, it was the field of web development. Ever since I took the plunge into web development, I have waded through unfamiliar waters which have required methods of thought and analysis beyond what I have ever utilized and yet, there is always this joy in realizing that my mother's adage has been heeded. "As long as you are willing to learn, you will always be useful to others." Yes, mom. This is true especially in the ever changing landscape of web development which I am both thrilled and humbled to be walking through.