# About Me

Hello! My name is Matthew Haslem. I am an aspiring Web Developer with over a decade worth of experience in both front-end and back-end development. I am currently a student studying Computer Science at Old Dominion University. I expect to graduate in December of 2021 and use this degree, along with my first (B.S. in Communications), to secure a career somewhere in the Computer Science field.

# Web Development

I began working on websites back when my friends and I got tired not being able to play flash games in our Middle School’s computer lab. I took it upon myself to learn how to develop a website that would serve as a hub for our favorite games while bypassing our school’s website blocker filters.

I had a lot of idea for projects that I wanted to build websites for but had no formal training. After being successful with building my first website at 13 by winging it, I decided I will just continue to teach myself as I go. That is about where all my web development knowledge comes from. Spending years thinking “Wouldn’t it be cool if I could do this?”, then figuring out a way to accomplish it. This process has taught me much more than I could imagine.

# Media Production

Along with Web Development, creating videos and digital images has always been another creative outlet for me. I started filming little shorts ever since I was a little kid. I never the content of my film/design projects too seriously but was always enthralled with learning all the technical skills for anything involved with media production.

Every elective I was able to take in High School and College were focused on anything dealing with film, television, digital media/design, etc. Taking these classes has given myself enough knowledge to consider myself a ‘Jack of all Trades’ when it comes to every aspect of film and media production.

# Programming

Aside from my experience working with PHP and JavaScript while learning Web Development, I didn’t actually attain too much experience in programming until I started my Computer Science degree. After my University introduced me to C++, I quickly developed a strong interest in Object Oriented Programming.

School has given me an extensive amount of experience with C++ but I am currently taking it upon myself to learn the ins-and-outs of other languages, namely Java and Python, while staying current in school.

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