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Willis recognized that life-long learning was important to his professional development at an early age. During his senior year of high school, he began watching remote seminars about specific topics in his areas of interest. Seminars on web development and network architecture design proved effective in developing his knowledge of these topics. Willis translated this knowledge into an internship with a server administrator at a colocation data center in the bay area during the summer after his senior year of high school. During his first three years of college Willis volunteered a portion of his spare time contributing code to open-source web frameworks while participating with their respective communities. During these years, Willis went to many job expos provided by his school. During and after these expos, Willis learned how to communicate effectively and professionally with recruiters and interviewers.

Willis applied for and received positions at UNR in the areas he was interested in pursuing in the future as a career. While developing his knowledge during work hours for his positons, Willis spent his free time developing his knowledge by taking online courses relevant to his future field. This type of life-long learning is important because it ensures that Willis is prepared for future jobs and personal projects. Continued life-long learning also means that Willis’ skills will stay relevant in their individual fields. Willis plans on continuing his education for the rest of his life by attending field-specific seminars in person and joining professional development communities relevant to his career.