

DAMIEN SANDOVAL: MY FIRST YEAR



Being a student at a university, it is somewhat difficult finding part time work in your field. Internships will help you gain some experience and sometimes pay decently; however, they are usually reserved for students in their final year. Michael Barbera helped me achieve my goals of getting real world work experience that worked with my schedule while attending school.

I met Mike through a freelancer website back before Clicksuation Labs was Clicksuation Labs. I worked as a WordPress developer making small edits to the Clicksuation Podcast website and continued this work for a few months while Mike began offering me different opportunities beyond WordPress edits. I saw this as the perfect opportunity to leave my comfort zone and expand upon my abilities as a web developer. As the tasks Mike assigned to me became more and more difficult, I noticed my growth in as a developer and gained confidence in my work.

It wasn't too long after I began working with Mike that he shared with me his plans for Clicksuation Labs. Mike offered to keep me as a web developer for any future work with Clicksuation Labs and I gladly accepted. I went from doing small edits to the front end of the Clicksuation podcast website to full stack web development work. My first major project was creating a landing page for Clicksuation Labs. Starting the landing page felt great. It was the first time I used my skills as a developer to turn another individual's vision into a reality.

The landing page turned out great and shortly after its launch, Mike began discussing with me plans for the biggest project I will have ever taken on. As a 22-year-old University student I was tasked with creating the entire Clicksuation Labs website as well as two additional websites associated with the company. The development process was quite a ride, but Mike helped me through every step of the process. The Clicksuation Labs website was launched and is currently live to the public. I have learned more working with Clicksuation Labs than any amount of schooling could have ever taught me.

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More recently, I attended a team meeting with Clicksuation Labs where we discussed our future goals as a team. Everything I have just written has happened within only a year of partnership with Clicksuation Labs. Currently, I continue to make alterations to the website behind the screen as Clicksuation Labs grows. I am excited for what is planned for Clicksuation Labs and look forward to my continued contributions to our team's vision. I truly believe I am one of the luckiest students to be able to experience and learn so much with an incredible team I wouldn't trade for the world.