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mniTechnology Professionals, Inc. Locally owned small business

- Technology and Business Needs company
- Website development and administration
- Owned by former SU student

Responsibilities

- Designing and developing web applications according to customer specification
- Maintaining legacy web applications
- Full stack development
 - Graphics design, user interface
 - Server and client side programming
 - Database management

Technologies Used



Joomla

CakePHP

Drupal

- Web based Content Management Systems
- Open source and heavily extensible
- Large user communities, heavily documented

Graphics Design



GNU Image Manipulation Program • Open source image editing suite



Bootstrap • HTML, CSS, Javascript Framework • Mobile-first web design

Challenges Faced

- Developing application using a RESTful web API for an investment service
 - No testing interface or way to simulate transactions
 - Thorough code review
 - First test calls against the API using real money
- Adapting quickly to new frameworks and requirements
- No prior experience with graphics design or PHP content management systems

Conclusion

- Learned valuable new skills
- Developed an appreciation for real world problems
- Gained experience in creating maintainable code