

Will Hanke is a writer, professional web designer and computer programmer. He is the owner of Lighthouse Technologies ([www.techlh.com](http://www.techlh.com)), located in Arnold, Missouri. He grew up on 40 acres in the small town of Barnhart in Eastern Missouri, and spent his spare time programming his Dad's old computers.

The first computer he owned was a Commodore VIC-20, which died after a freak soda spilling incident. His father then purchased a Commodore 64, complete with cassette tape desk and later a floppy drive. Those were the days when he would sit for hours and punch in a program just to see what would happen. Later, when the Apple II-e came out, he was in computer heaven.

By the age of twelve he was writing his own programs, mostly just simple recipe-finding programs for his Mother. As the years progressed, he took computer classes in school and even college. As the Internet came on the scene, he started creating web pages as a hobby. Soon Will realized the knack he had for it, and started purchasing books and learning as much as he could about the new programming languages and technologies.



Currently Will owns well over 70 domain names for various projects and clients. He has created diverse websites in the areas of real estate, public water companies, legal, community, and even various areas of technology – with clients in the U.S., Germany, and Ireland. Will's biggest and most popular website, however, came as the result of a prank he decided to pull on his mother. The site had over a quarter-million hits in less than 4 months online, and it was the first of its kind in the Internet community. It was featured in a large front-page article in the Saint Louis Post-Dispatch, as well as over 50 radio stations around the country.

Will says that web design is much like the newest gadget – finding a way to make something simpler and faster can only improve your life. Building a database and supporting web pages sounds like boring, geeky stuff, but that's Will. He loves it, and he does it with professional quality.

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