

## Education

### B.Eng. in Materials Engineering

Dalhousie University

2004 - 2010

### User Interface (UI) Design

CareerFoundry

2019 - 2020

## Work Experience

### Freelance Designer

2021 - Current

I build Responsive Websites in Figma and Webflow for small businesses and entrepreneurs. See my work @ [MattPike.Design](#)

### English Teacher and Freelance Writer

VUS Language Centers, Culture Trip, World Nomads, etc.

2014 - 2020

I lived in Ho Chi Minh City for six years, teaching English at VUS, one of the most popular language centers in the city—first in Go Vap District, then in Thu Duc, while living in Thao Dien. I also worked as a Freelance Writer for numerous publications, writing about Vietnamese culture and travel while collaborating remotely (in the Wordpress CMS) with Editors, Photographers, and Graphic Designers to produce high-traffic content for millions of readers around the world.

### Materials Engineer

Department of National Defence - Halifax Dockyard

2008 - 2014

I worked in the Naval Architecture Office at the fleet maintenance facility for Canada's East Coast Navy, specializing in welding, metallurgy, and non-destructive testing. It was my job to coordinate with senior military commanders, Defence R&D, project managers, and tradespeople to ensure that each and every project—from periscope testing equipment, to mounting brackets for rocket launching systems—adhered to both industry and in-house standards, as set by the Design Authority in Ottawa. I also conducted failure analysis studies, oversaw the welder certification program, and I helped introduce several new technologies into the dockyard, including plastic welding and 3D metal printing

## Skills

### UI + Visual Design

Design Systems, Accessibility, Branding, Logos, Typography, Iconography, Illustrations, Animations, Layouts, Visual Design, and Digital Art

### Web Design

HTML, CSS, SEO, Content Design, Responsive Web, and I'm currently learning JavaScript

### User Experience (UX)

Competitive Analysis, User Research, User Stories (and Flows), Information Hierarchies, Personas, Wireframing, Prototyping, and User Testing (Usability, A/B Testing, etc.)

### Favorite Tools

Figma + Webflow + Adobe Suite



## Profile

I grew up in Nova Scotia, and I'm now living in Dartmouth with my loving partner of ten years, our three-year-old son, and our two animals from Vietnam, where we lived for six years: Piper, our little street dog; and Alpha, our broken kitty. In my free time, I like to cook, watch hockey, scroll reddit, and then Rocket League and a good book—preferably non-fiction.

*Matthew Pike*