

CPEP REFLECTION

In the summer of 2010, I was asked to design a website for the Environmental Facilities Department of the company I was interning with. Since the only available website program was Microsoft Publisher, I slowly learned how to design the pages and link them to each other. Returning to Penn State in the fall, we were told that we needed to create our own website for Thesis. Now familiar with Publisher, I decided to continue to use it throughout the year. The opportunity to compare my work with previous students was essential during Thesis – this was made possible by the CPEP site. The discussion board was rarely used, and when it was, answers to questions that I found important were never answered; therefore, I didn't find it to be helpful. Instead, I would ask my corporate contacts, AE Alumni, my advisor, and current AE students with any troubles I came across.

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Having the entire school year to work on my AE Senior Thesis was necessary. However, I feel as though all of the background information completed during the fall semester could have been shortened to allow for more time to design. Working individually on an assignment this intense was a challenge, but rewarding. In the spring, I enjoyed managing my own schedule to meet my deadlines in a timely manner. I now feel more prepared than ever to join the "Real World" as a Mechanical Design Engineer.