

GIT to know Mike Vigoren



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Introduction

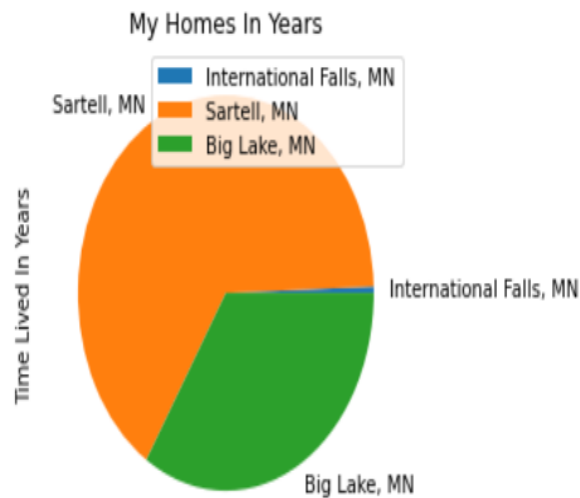
Hello! My name is Mike Vigoren and thank you for your interest in me and my personal history. I hope this is a beneficial way for you to get to know me more, career accomplishments and goals, skills, and more! Thank you again, now let's begin!

Personal History

I was born in International Falls, MN (near the Canadian border) and on the doorstep of Minnesota's only national park, Voyageurs National Park.



Six weeks after I was born my family and I moved to Sartell, MN where I spent all of my childhood.



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Early Years



As a child, I enjoyed athletics and excelled in both sports and academics- I lettered in three sports by 10th grade (basketball, football and track). These experiences began to form my passion for working with teams and the enjoyment of helping facilitate success.



College Years

After high school I attended Saint John's University in Collegeville, MN. It was always a dream of mine to play football for the Johnnies and it had finally become a reality! We went on to win the Division III national title in 2003.

During my time in college, I explored many different academic disciplines due to my great interest in learning new topics. I immensely enjoyed Philosophy, Psychology, Business, and Computer Science. I later graduated with a B.A. in Psychology, minoring in both Philosophy and Management.

Career Overview

My first role was with a company called World Data Products, in Plymouth, MN. During my time there I learned a great deal of information on IT infrastructure- everything from how it is engineered, to specified to meet the customers' needs, and then deployed.

After learning the "back-bone" of IT delivery, I became interested in specific application software and SaaS so I obtained a position with Infor, an ERP software company in Saint Paul, MN. I learned a great deal on how software is, run on the "back-bone", is marketed and ultimately deployed.

In 2012 joined Arcas Technology, located in Rogers, MN. First, it was an opportunity to be entrepreneurial. I work on many different technologies, and with many different people and customers. It is here that I found my passion for leveraging multiple technologies to solve customer problems. During my time here I developed skills speaking with engineers and technicians on how to be successful in selling infrastructure technology. This ultimately furthered my interests in engineering and solution building so I started learning programming languages and different applications. Recently, I enrolled in a programming school at the University of Minnesota. I love understanding the products I sell and how it helps my customers.



Personal Life

My wife and I currently reside in Big Lake, MN, where our family includes a dog and cat. We've spent the better part of the last decade helping other pets get rescued, and we anticipate our family growing much more over the next decade, as we are working through the child adoption process.

One of my favorite things is to visit my hometown, enjoying exploring, fishing, and visiting with my friends. So, for the past ten years my friends and I have taken a houseboat trip to Voyageurs National Park.

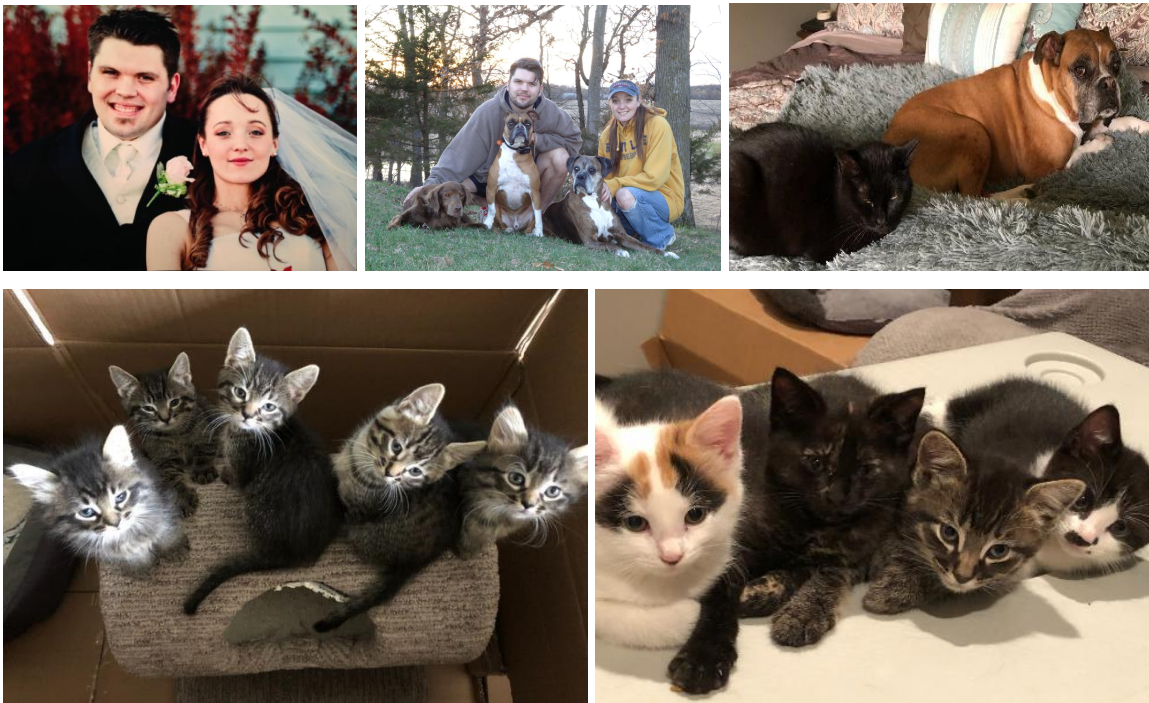


Career Interests & Passions

- Facilitating action by thinking big picture and without sacrificing the details
- Learning something new every day- learning, learning, learning!
- Interacting with engineers, technicians, and others on how to build better
- Blockchain Technology and other disruptive technologies
- Helping solve customer problems

Personal Interest & Passions

- My family
- Macro Economics
- Philosophy of mind
- Quantum Physics
- Landscaping projects
- Fishing, golfing, and long contemplative walks



Volunteer & Other Activities

- Big Lake Community Food Shelf
- [President of The Woods at Eagle Lake Home Owners Association](#)
- Proud uncle to 11 nieces and nephews, and counting!
- Ametaur feral cat rescuer, dog and cat (so far...) fosterer