



Becoming a better hacker

Lessons I learned from Poetry

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Poetry

Is a creative, relaxing exercise

Helped me reduce stress and tension
over the years.

Fire and Ice

Some say the world will end in fire,
Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.

But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is as great

And would suffice.

Robert Frost

“

I write POEMS

I write CODE

I REALIZED ...



POETRY IS JUST LIKE PROGRAMMING

```
346 .widget-area-sideb...
347 .widget-area-sideb...
348 font-size: 13px;
349 }
350
351
352 /* =Menu
353
354
355 #access {
356   display: inline-block;
357   height: 69px;
358   float: right;
359   margin: 11px 28px 0px 0px;
360   max-width: 800px;
361 }
362
363 #access ul {
364   font-size: 13px;
365   list-style: none;
366   margin: 0 0 0 -0.6125em;
367   padding-left: 0;
368   z-index: 99999;
369   text-align: right;
370
371   display: inline-block;
372   text-align: left;
```


The Twin Souls



In the ancient of days, in a forgotten kingdom.
Tales lost but found in the memory of trees.
Seasons past in an endless flow.
Green upon Gold, Dust upon Ice.
A song of Ice and fire, A prophecy foretold!

A prophecy told is how their song went!
In the whispers of leaves, they sang and wept
Lost in the forests, forgotten by man.
In the torments of Ice, the fires of a first passion felt.
A delicious sympathy is how their song went.
A song of Ice and fire, was how their love felt!

POETRY HAS ...

Stanzas

Rhyme

Line breaks

Flow structure

```

isVideo = ( (type == "image") || ($.isArray(extension) && extension.indexOf("youtube.com/embed") > -1) )
isUrl = ( (type == "url") || (typeof subject == "string") )
isElement = ( (type == "element") || (typeof subject == "object") )
isObject = ( (typeof subject == "object") )

// Check if boxer is already active, return default
if ($("#boxer").length > 1) {
    return;
}

// Kill event
_killEvent(e);

// Cache internal data
data = $.extend({}, {
    $window: $(window),
    $body: $("body"),
    $target: $target,
    $object: $object,
    visible: false,
    resizeTimer: null,
    touchTimer: null,
    gallery: {
        active: false
    }
});

```

Code blocks -> Functions

Functions -> Modules

Modules -> Software

POEM groups words to express feeling,
ideas and passion

CODE groups characters and numbers
to solve problems

...

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POETRY DEVELOPED MY CREATIVITY & PASSION

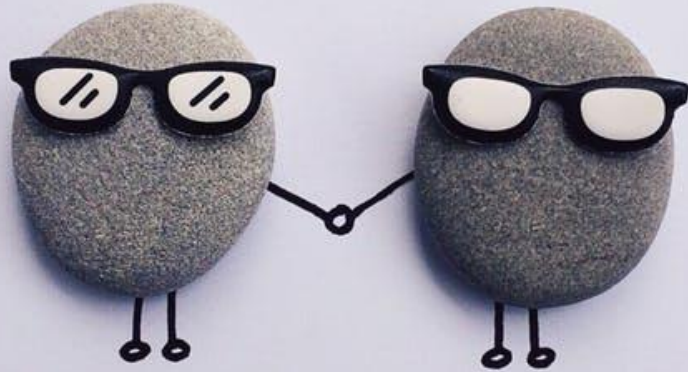
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Passionate about spiritual Poetry

Writing Poems is a self searching
exercise

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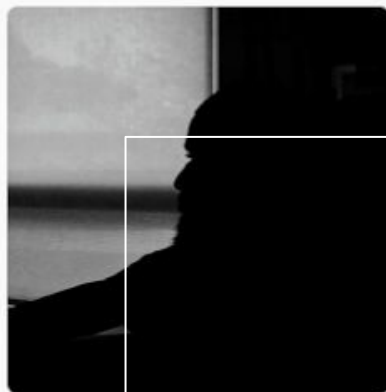
Poetry helps me to

Be in a peaceful state of mind

Clear my mind of all worries

Ponder on my passions and
chronicles

Generate new ideas



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Looked to Open source



I Learned

¹² To work only on subjects that interested me

GitHub is all I needed

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Write C/C++, Java and Go

Interested in Containers, OS, Linux development

Worked on 33 Projects on GitHub

I Learned

To Share
KNOWLEDGE
& EXPERIENCES.



Spoke at Conferences

Shared my Poems at Griot Nights

Mentored the younger ones





WORK HARDER

👉 I learned

TO READ, REVISE, PERSEVERE





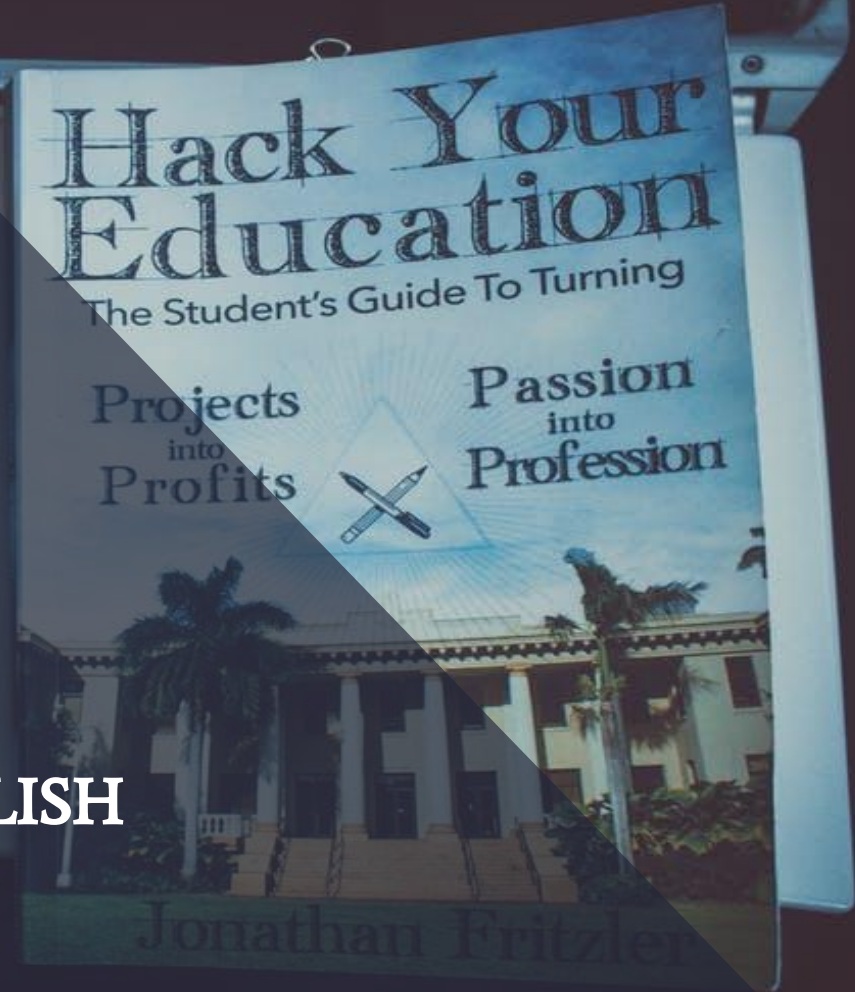
Found role models

Revised my work



KEEP LEARNING

STAY HUNGRY STAY FOOLISH





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