

Learn Rails they said.
It's easy they said.

This is a human interest talk.

“You should use JavaScript for that.”

Some days just looking at Avdi's
Objects on Rails made my
stomach cringe.

I'd like to share what I've learned,
starting learning programming in the
evening hours August last year.

Because it's awesome to help people.

Teaching makes you a better
programmer + makes your own
learning curve go through the roof.

Hi.

I had worked as a community
manager for agencies and startups
for 5 years...

... I wanted to 'make stuff' again

... I wanted to pick up on
something new.

No real decision process on what language I'd be learning.

I absolutely loved it, BUT...

Start with the basics

REALLY learning HTML/CSS helps
to create a proper understanding of
constructing decent syntax.

JavaScript will continue to
~~suck~~ be hard
(better dig into it fast)

Don't get started with Bootstrap
till they have a decent
understanding of CSS.

Inspect ALL the elements

No such thing as the
perfect beginners framework.
It's a workflow thing.

Nobody cares about
your favorite editor.
Or os.

BDD rocks for beginners

Get to learn the lingo

Don't let them fake it till they make it.

“and dependency injection in this particular case is great because ...”

Your student will feel stupid,
and give up.

Your student will Google stuff,
and get his or her ideas from
questionable sites.
(and give up)

Your student will start putting even
more hours in learning to try and get
to your level and will burn out.
(and give up)

It's a fine line...

**“but you can ignore this for now,
we'll get back to it later”**

Encourage them to learn a different
programming language simultaneously
(in the same language)

Just maybe not Java.

Controlling everything from the
Terminal makes you feel like you're
in the fucking matrix.

Find something they can teach you

The downs

Help them ignore the people that
hate on their parade.

Help them get over the
imposter syndrom.

This age-old frontend vs backend
discussion? Quit it.

Same goes for PHP bashing.

Don't use the words "it's super easy"
when it's really not.

The ups

People like you rock.

Through Ruby, I have developed a more logical and efficient way of problem solving.

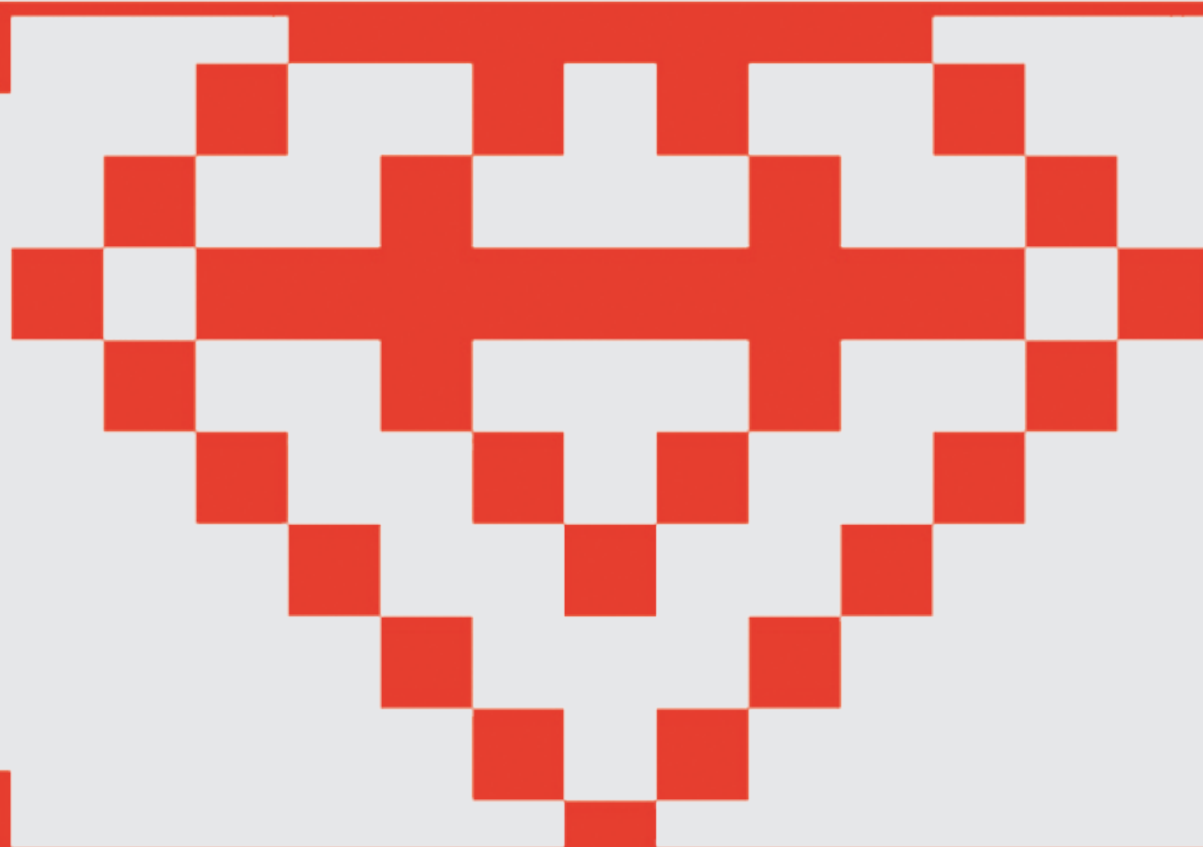
It's not all dorm rooms and cold pizza.

Dikke doei!

Oh and I do this too...

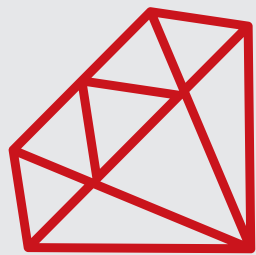


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