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 starting putting even more hours in learning to try and get to your level and will burn out.

(and give up)

## "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.

Teach them to 'stackoverflow'

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.

#### Gamify ALL the learning

Login







A TRIUMPHANT QUEST OF ADVENTURE, LOVE & DESTINY ALL WITHIN A FEW LINES OF CODE

VENTURE FORTH!



#### Happy teaching!

## Dikke doei! Oh and I do this too...



### OH OH RAILS GIRLS!



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