

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

“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.

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.

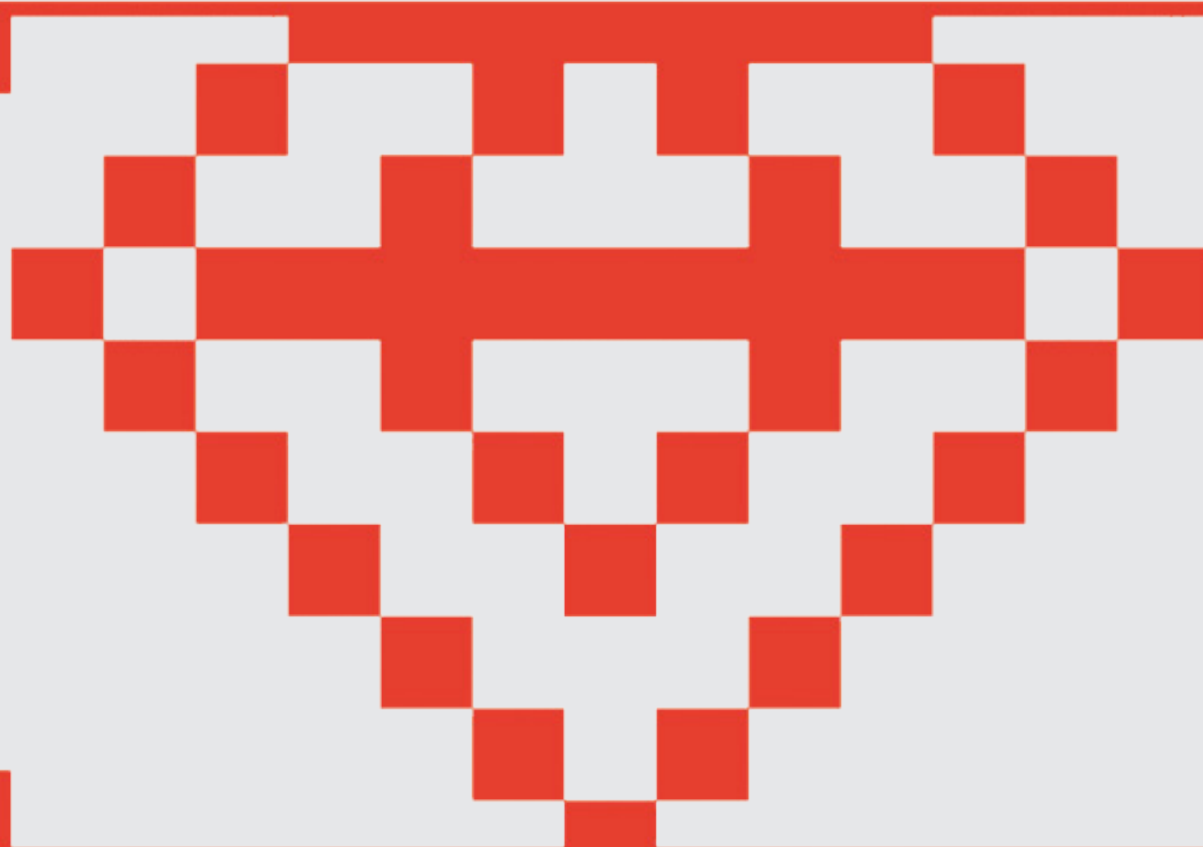
**“All programmers have been coding
ever since they were potty trained.”**

The mathematics you'll have to deal with are as basic as sums and subtractions.

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

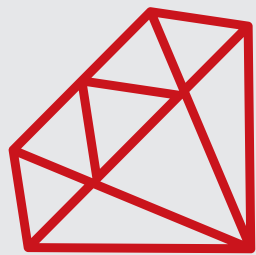


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I absolutely loved it, BUT...

Start with the basics

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

Codecademy fucking rocks and so
does Codeschool.

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

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

Inspect ALL the elements

Get to learn the lingo

Ask a co-worker or friend
to be your mentor

drop by a local user group

#pairwithme

Don't fake it till you make it.

You will feel stupid,
and give up.

Your will Google stuff,
and get your ideas from
questionable sites.
(and give up)

You will start putting even more hours
in learning to try and get to your
coach's level and will burn out.
(and give up)

Start teaching others right away

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.

The downs

Ignore the people that hate
on your parade.

Get over the imposter syndrom.

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

Don't mind people saying
"it's super easy".
It's really not.

The ups

Prepare to be amazed by people
putting a lot of time in making kick-ass
tutorials and stuff...

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

It's not all dorm rooms and cold pizza.

So... wrapping up

starting with the basics
inspect ALL the elements
digging into JavaScript asap
getting into BDD
learning the lingo
don't fake it (until you make it)
learn a different language
use the terminal for everything
get yourself a mentor
start teaching others right away

You'll be fine.