

# MY JOURNEY IN BECOMING A RAYWENDERLICH.COM FLUTTER TEAM MEMBER

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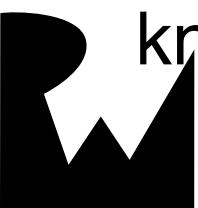
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# ABOUT RAYWENDERLICH.COM

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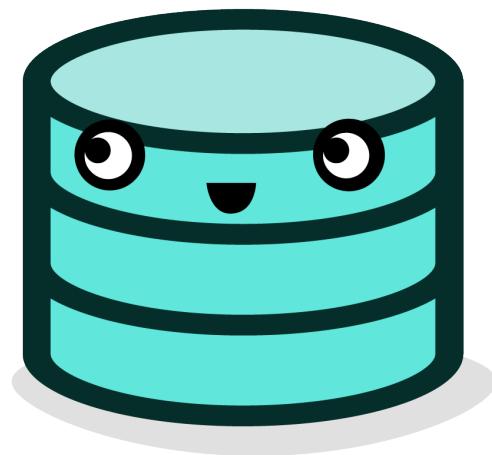
- ⚙️ Are you familiar with [raywenderlich.com](https://raywenderlich.com)?
- ⚙️ We are a **friendly and supportive community** of mobile developers.
- ⚙️ We love to **learn and share** our knowledge with the world.



# A LITTLE ABOUT STEF

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- ⚙️ 20+ years of SQL database design, programming, mentoring junior developers, and writing documentation.
- ⚙️ Received my first smartphone (iPhone 3GS) in 2010 as a work phone for support.
- ⚙️ When the App Store launched it piqued my interest in mobile development.



# STEF'S JOURNEY



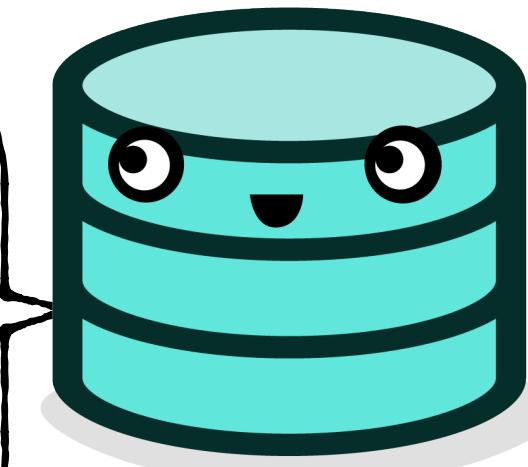
# STEF'S JOURNEY BEGINS...

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Hey, Stef, how  
did you get on the  
raywenderlich.com  
Flutter team?

I have had an  
unusual  
journey.  
It all started  
in 2013...



# THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

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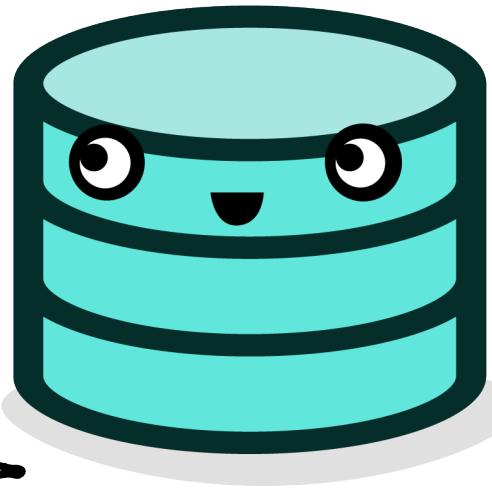


...after losing my day job I looked for more SQL work but everyone wanted either C# or Objective-C.

While I could read C#, I really wanted to learn to create mobile apps. So, I started reading online tutorials and looking at public library books.

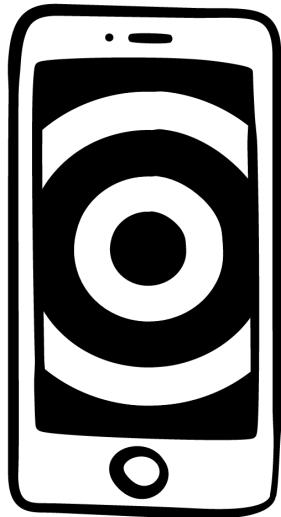


That is when I found raywenderlich.com.



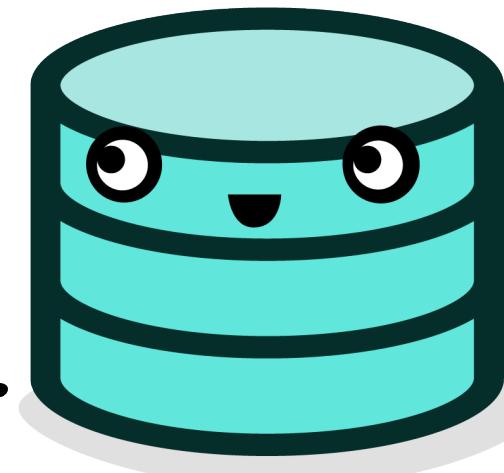
# BECAUSE OF THAT...

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The raywenderlich.com articles  
were well-written, consistent,  
and easy to follow.

I loved the articles  
so much I started  
buying their books;  
creating little apps  
along the way.



# THE JOURNEY CONTINUES...

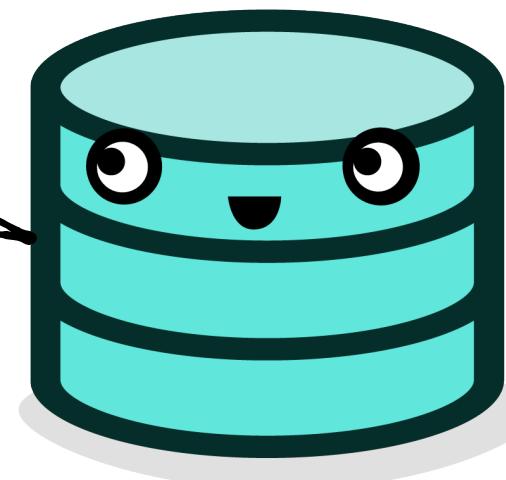


All the mobile jobs were for experienced developers. Eventually, I found a SQL day job and worked on my mobile apps in my spare time.

Then Swift arrived.



I continued with raywenderlich.com tutorials, YouTube videos, and also purchased Udemy.com courses.



# BECAUSE OF THAT...

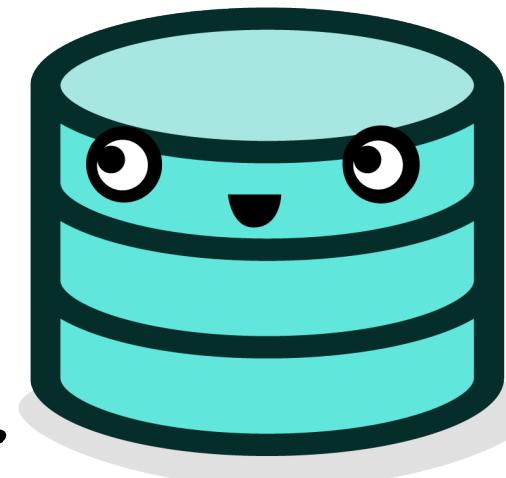
Using what I learned, I created and deployed my first app to the iOS App Store.



My Android friends did not like they could not use my apps.



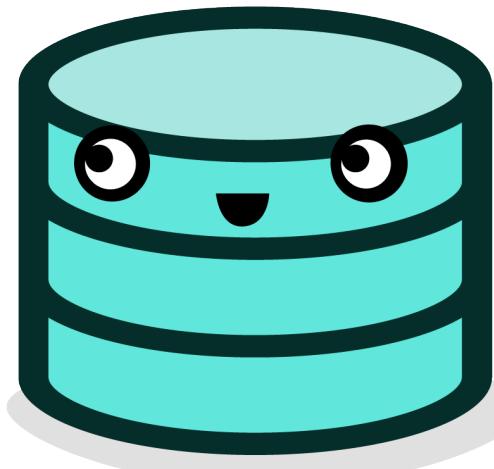
A while later I received an email from Angela from L.A.B. inviting me to take her Flutter course.



# BECAUSE OF THAT...



I fell in love with using Flutter!  
Using the L.A.B. Flutter course I  
was able to create apps for both  
iOS and Android.



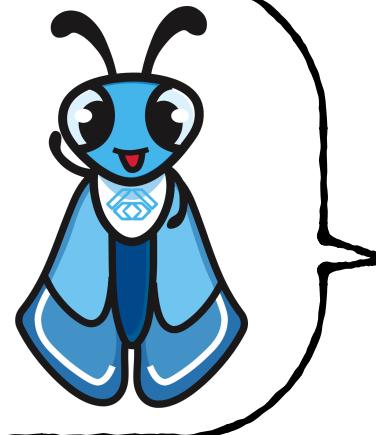
After releasing my first Flutter  
app, both my iOS and Android  
friends were now happy.



# RAYWENDERLICH.COM INTRODUCES FLUTTER TUTORIALS

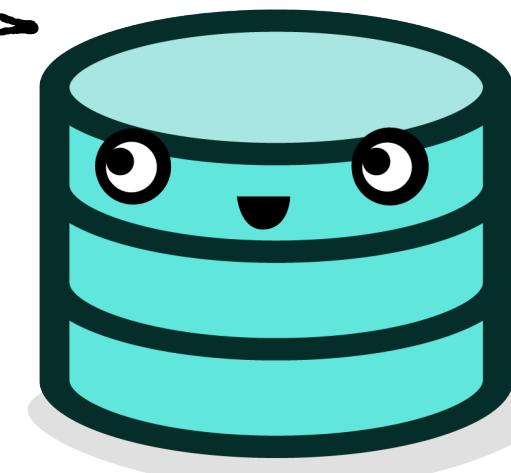
In August 2019  
raywenderlich.com  
released Flutter content.

I was thrilled!



I reached out to one of the authors, who  
happened to be Article Team Director.

After a few conversations I applied for  
a Tech Editor Tryout and passed...



**RAYWENDERLICH.COM TEAM**



# WHAT ROLES ARE THERE?

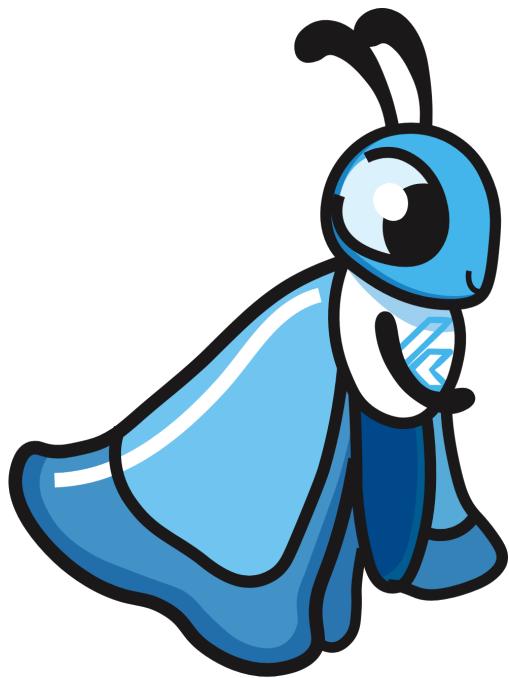
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- Article Authors, Article Technical “Tech” Editors, and English Language Editors tryout for their roles.
- Final Pass Editors, Team Leads, Book Teams, Podcast, and Video Teams are promoted from within.
- There are hundreds of team members worldwide.



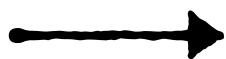
# TRYOUT

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**Part 1: Pre Tryout**

A short writing/editing test.



**Part 2: Full Tryout**

Write/Edit a full tutorial for our site.



# RAYWENDERLICH.COM TUTORIALS = C.R.E.D.

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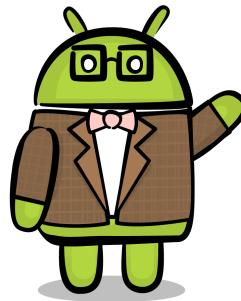
- ⚙️ All of raywenderlich.com content contains C.R.E.D.



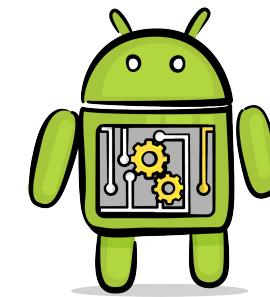
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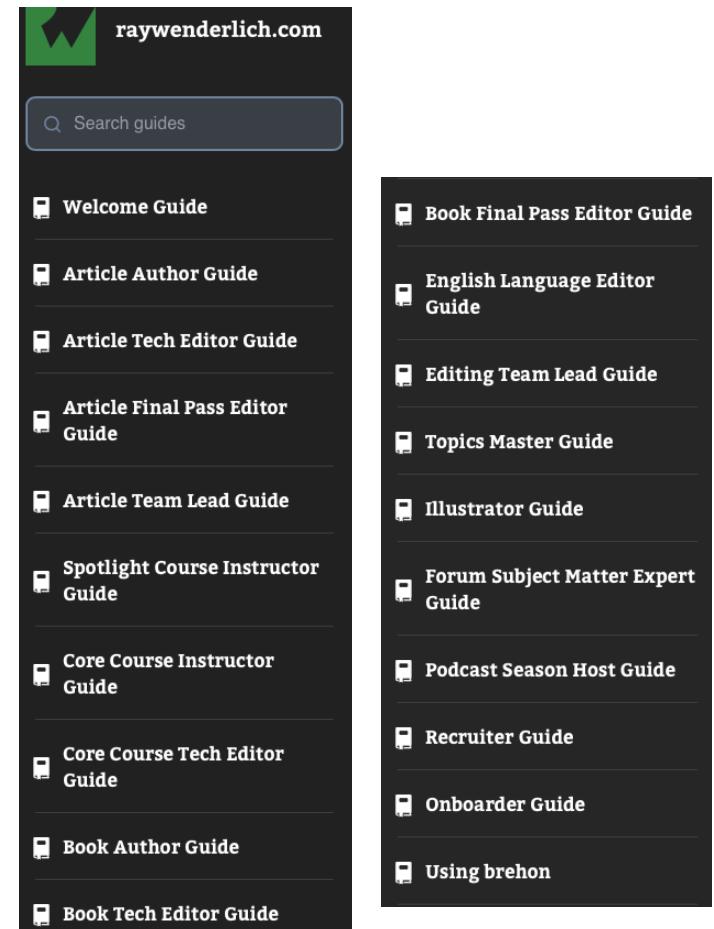
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# How Do WE MAINTAIN C.R.E.D.?

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- ⚙️ Content is not rushed.
- ⚙️ To maintain high quality content, there is a Team Guide for everyone.
- ⚙️ Each guide details every step through our process.



# AN ARTICLE'S JOURNEY

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- ⚙️ All work is tracked via Trello cards.



# STEF'S JOURNEY AT RAYWENDERLICH.COM

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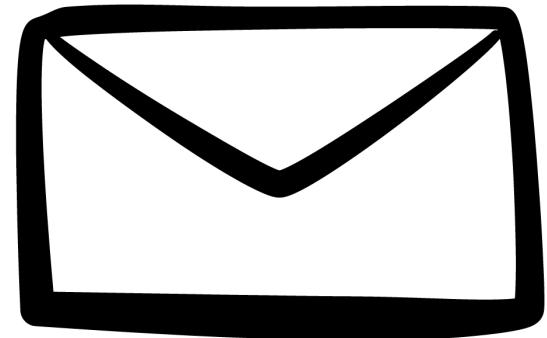
- ⚙️ Tech Editor Tryout, December 2019
- ⚙️ Joined Flutter Team as Tech Editor, January 2020
- ⚙️ Offered *Flutter Apprentice* book Tech Editor position, May 2020
- ⚙️ Promoted to Article Flutter Final Pass Editor, August 2020
- ⚙️ Asked to join a book Quality Review Team, November 2020
- ⚙️ Offered pending Flutter book Final Pass Editor position, January 2022



# JOINING THE RAYWENDERLICH.COM TEAM

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- ⚙ Interested in joining the team?
- ⚙ Anyone is welcome to apply!
- ⚙ Watch the raywenderlich.com newsletter\* for recruiting announcements or send an email to [apply@raywenderlich.com](mailto:apply@raywenderlich.com).



\*Subscribe on [raywenderlich.com](https://raywenderlich.com) under Manage Account > Email Preferences



# FLUTTERISTAS



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# INTRODUCTION TO THE FLUTTERISTAS COMMUNITY

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- ⚙️ What are *The Flutteristas*?
- ⚙️ *The Flutteristas* is a world-wide community of people whose gender identity is either female or non-binary and have an interest in the Flutter SDK.
- ⚙️ The Flutteristas have a monthly meeting which usually includes a presentation by Flutter Community member(s).



# INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FLUTTERISTAS?

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- ⚙️ Are you interested in joining the Flutteristas?
- ⚙️ Do you identify\* as a woman or non-binary who has an interest in the Flutter SDK?
- ⚙️ Do you agree to the Flutteristas' Code of Conduct (see next slide)?
- ⚙️ If you answered “yes” to all three of these questions, go to [flutteristas.org](https://flutteristas.org) and fill out application form. It is recommended to use a gmail account so that you can be added to the Flutteristas calendar.

\*If you identify as male, you will not be able to join our community, but may attend open-to-the public meetups.



# FLUTTERISTAS' CODE OF CONDUCT

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- Flutteristas are dedicated to providing a harassment-free and inclusive experience for everyone regardless of gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disabilities, neurodiversity, physical appearance, body size, ethnicity, nationality, race, age, religion, or other protected category.
- Flutteristas follow Google's Flutter Interact Community Guidelines located at <https://developers.google.com/events/flutter-interact/community-guidelines>.



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 [@Flutteristas](https://twitter.com/Flutteristas) (managed by several Flutteristas)



# QUESTIONS ?

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**Where can I find raywenderlich.com Flutter resources?**

🌐 [raywenderlich.com/flutter](https://raywenderlich.com/flutter)



**What are raywenderlich.com social media sites?**

🐦 [@rwenderlich](https://twitter.com/rwenderlich)

🌐 [facebook.com/raywenderlich](https://facebook.com/raywenderlich)

💬 <https://discord.gg/ZTUmDxX>



THE END

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THANK YOU  
FOR  
INVITING ME!

