

# The Virtual Coffee Effect

*@BEKAHHW*



## Community Kindness

*Spotlighting some of the kindness happening in our community.*

- I'm grateful for Bekah sharing Just JavaScript on Tuesday. I know it wasn't the perfect approach for you, but I'm LOVING the drawing steps and have had several mind-blowing breakthroughs in understanding. – Shelley
- I am grateful for Tommy who always makes time to help me out when I need it and for checking in on me when I'm sick. He's a real G! – Raeshelle
- I'm grateful for Dan and all he quietly does for the community. – Bekah
- Grateful for Jennifer who helped me get my current job (which I've been loving), told me about this Slack (which I'm loving) and is now helping me do more pushups than i ever thought I'd do in a day! – Camilo

## Member Wins

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*As always, shout-out to all our members celebrating new roles this month!  
And shout out to all those who got to attend the Remixconf and RenderATL  
conferences together!*

"Went to my very-first-ever in-person meetup and made some contacts  
today, am now slated to give my very-first-ever in-person talk in 2 weeks!"  
– Lucia

"I was on the CodeNewbie podcast" – Jessica

"What I fully intend to be my final book is finally in print." – Brian

"Today marks 30 days at my new job!" – Emmanuel



# Kindness and Gratitude

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- Grateful to have this community full of amazing knowledgeable people. Highlight of my day is seeing the connectivity and helpfulness that this community displays. – Jeff
- I'm super grateful for my VC family for all the support that I received, especially these last few weeks when I needed it the most! – Ayu
- I'm grateful for my family, this awesome community, and my first week at work was smooth. – Reda
- I am grateful to have found an inclusive and welcoming tech community with members willing to lend me their expertise and insight :D – Dominic

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"I did it, I made it to 1 year of coding in the 100DaysOfCode Challenge!" –  
Drew

"WIN: I'm officially the company CTO!" – Brian

"Finishing up with my MIT certification this week and just got my  
acceptance into Product Management School!" – Marie

"Today is my first day ever as a salaried employee in tech!" – Stephen



# Kindness and Gratitude

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- VC provided a safe space and community to engage with and is a LARGE reason I kept going. I am super grateful for this community. I was helped tremendously through the Monthly challenges of April and June. All of the feedback and resume reviews and mock interviews were greatly appreciated! – Brian
- Thankful for getting to work with Drew this weekend on a hackathon project. He has a marvelous eye and made a big, visible impact in a small amount of time. – Ray



## Member Wins

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*"I found out the resource I wrote for how to write professional emails 4 years ago is still being used by my old charter school network for teacher training. Warm fuzzies!" – Lucia*

"I've gained around 200 twitter followers, many of whom I connected with personally over DM's or other interactions, mainly by participating in spaces on Twitter where I answer career and technical questions! Really wonderful!"  
– Ryan

"Got a shoutout on [the latest SyntaxFM episode!](#)" – Nick



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- Just wanted to say how much I love the folks here. All the good things in my life are better because of you all, either directly or indirectly. And this is where I've made the most friends in a long time. – Kirk
- I love and appreciate you all and thank you for helping me as a person. – Nerando



## Member Wins

Just merged my first PR at work, something I wrote, as a developer, for real life! – Shelley

Win: at the Atlanta Developers Conference yesterday I met somebody who had seen my talk about accessibility last year, he came up and said he came in knowing nothing about accessibility but has been using the resources from my slides all year at his job and is getting better all the time. – Ryan

First PR made at my new job – Brian

WIN: I got featured in my local newspaper today. – Ian

Also, special mention to Ayu Adianti's amazing [new github profile!](#)



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- I am so grateful for this community and everything that everyone here continues to do to make this community and the larger tech world a kinder, more inclusive, and more positive place. – Bekah
- Late to respond, but I'm always grateful for this community. I have so many great friendships here even though we've never met... yet. – Nick

## Member Wins

Just had my talk accepted to a second online conf! – Kai

Just gave a meetup talk and got complimented by someone on Open-sourced learning. – Nerando

Did a sprint on my birthday to make a fun project and I made it with like a few minutes left! – Brett

My team was complimenting me during todays stand up. – Brian



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- Friday is gratitude day at @VirtualCoffeeIO & I'm always grateful to be part of the family – Ayu
- I am grateful to Tom hopping into the #co-working-room and helping prompt a new line of investigation that led me to discover an edge case in AWS routing that had been causing a bug for several weeks. – David
- I'm grateful for the carrot to my stick, Raynald, for once again leading a Thursday Accountabilibuddies session when I had a conflict. – Meg



## Member Wins

The startup I work for onboarded our first users today! – Cameron

Gave my talk at Pyjamas Conf today! – Kai

WIN: The article I wrote last night got picked up by an Obsidian newsletter.  
– Brian

Surpassed 150,000 total post views and 3,000 followers on DEV with my series for the monthly challenge. – Abbey



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- As the year grows and closes, I am always grateful for you all. I appreciate, learn from and have grown because of this community.  
– Nerando
- I am grateful for Virtual Coffee – Jessica
- I'm grateful for people who constantly support me in my down times. And I'm always grateful for being part of VC family – Bekah



## Member Wins

Dor Moshe put my CSS Ugly Sweater post in his CSS trends newsletter. Code newbies shared the post on twitter. – Chris

Pushed some code on my first day! – Alex

I finally finished Flexbox Zombies! – Kai



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- Just went looking for a gratitude channel to quickly shout out Meg for all the amazing and consistent support I see her providing just like, all the time, it's fantastic – Mark
- I've really been enjoying the CSS Battles. Kudos to Jörn Bernhardt for running these. It's a nice break in my day. – Nick
- I'm so grateful for the awesome room I was in during VC chat today. Y'all gave me so much good info and advice, and now I feel much better equipped and less panicky/frustrated about my next learning steps. Thank you! – Kai
- HUGE shoutout to Andrew Bush for doing a great job leading last month's monthly challenge! – VC Maintainers

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My POTA (Parks on the Air/ham radio) activities this weekend earned me the Bronze Hunter Award for making 10 unique contacts. I also made my first international contact in Ontario yesterday, which was pretty cool! – Rebecca

I got word this morning that my application for one of the Program Committee positions for RailsConf 2023 in Atlanta was accepted, and I'll be starting almost immediately on curating the talks for that (major) conference for the Ruby on Rails community! – Danielle

I've gotten 2 stars and 1 contributor to my MtgApp! Was not expecting that so that is exciting! – Andrew



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- I am grateful for my new job I started this week. I found it via Alex here at VC – Alex
- I'm grateful for Mark being in my breakout room yesterday and bringing up instruments and music. – Bekah
- I'm grateful for being able to spend some nights at the coworking room (after ages) and be with friends And I'm always grateful for my VC family – Ayu
- I'm grateful for Virtual Coffee! You are all rockstars – Jessica

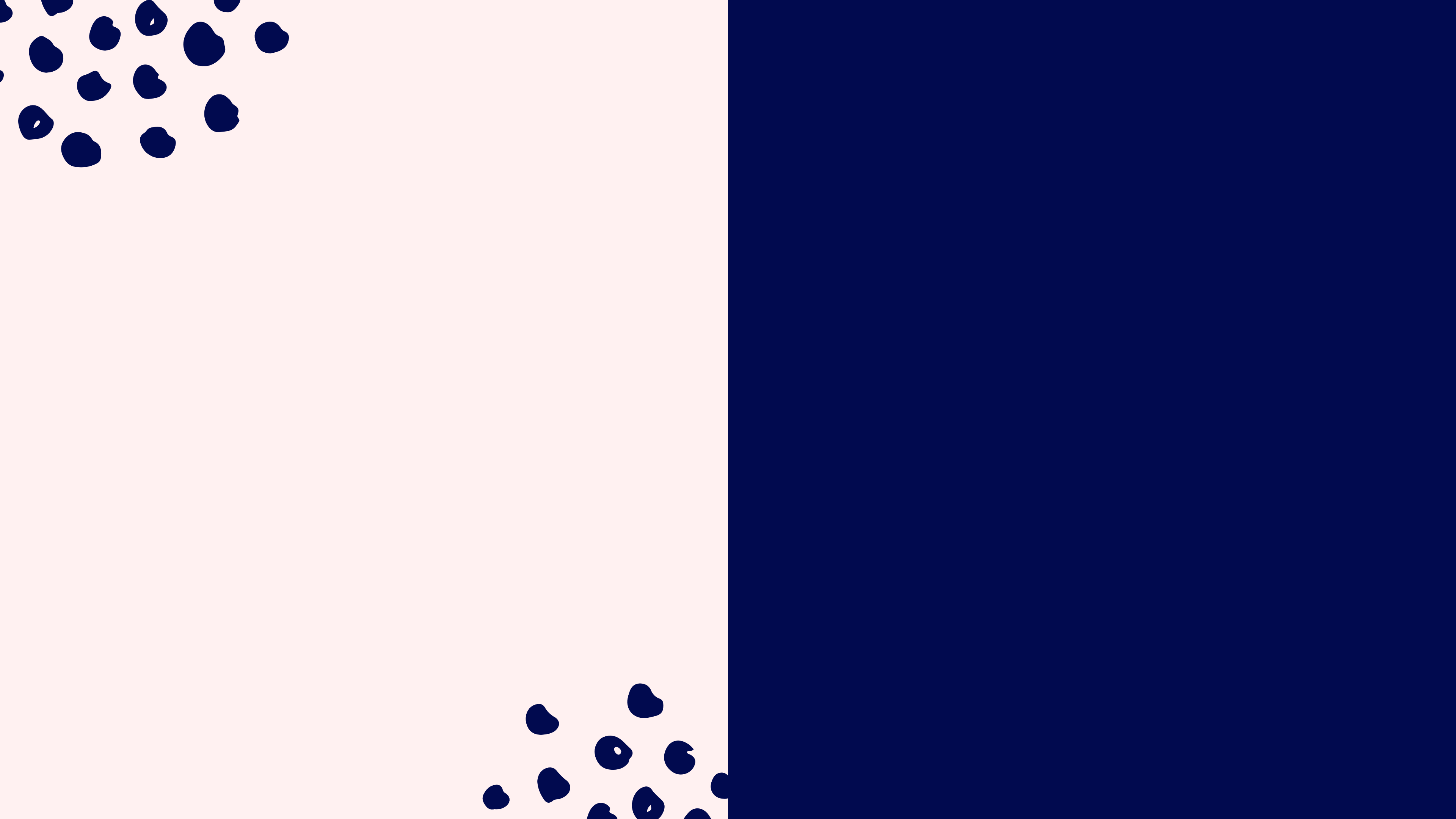
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Done my first talk in a while, yay! good way to get back into it all. – Brett

Finally managed to get NgRx properly integrated into my project. Took forever but now it works. – Finn

The freeCodeCamp blog post on our Bad Website Club learning project is finally live and I am beyond elated – Ramón

Only 3.5 months into my new job and my boss already wants to officially make me the tech lead on the team. I've unofficially had that role on many teams in the past, but it's nice to be getting it officially for the first time. – Brian











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- Grateful for VC lightning talks especially applications with chat gpt as a developer with prompt engineering skills [@Matt McInnis](#), feelings friday session, VC pomodoro flow club sessions to get me and keep me in the state of flow at work, and my vyvanse + caffeine pill to wake me up this morning. – Ethan
- Grateful for all of you and your trust in me – Julia
- Grateful for VC and for my wife and cats and all kinds of stuff, like the idea of pants – Mark
- I'm grateful for finally feeling a bit better again, even though this overall health situation is still super annoying and energy-consuming. I'm also super happy that I've finally joined the VC volunteer team, as that was one of my goals for 2023 – Kai

## Member Wins

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"I finally bought my ticket and hotel for Render ATL! "  
– Jessica W.

"Just got selected to speak at THAT Conference in July." – Brian M.

Emmett joined the KnoCommerce team!!!

Q. got an offer letter!!!!





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- As a new member here its obvious! I am grateful for this community and the welcoming spirit of all! – Matthew
- Grateful for this community; sometimes looking forward to our chats gets me through the week. – Kai
- I am immensely grateful to the VC maintainers who work tirelessly to ensure its smooth functioning – Justin
- I'm grateful for Virtual Coffee and the opportunity to give a lunch and learn to my friends this morning – Jessica



## Member Wins

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Decided to try and make a new personal website this morning and succeeded! – Mark

I just got invited to my first ever software dev job interview!!! – Sōme

I gave my first conference talk! – Nick

I start my new job as Developer Experience Lead – Bekah



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- I'm grateful for meeting David at co-working room this morning– Ayu
- I'm grateful for Dominic taking care of the Twitter chats each week. – Bekah
- Thank you for having me, I learned a LOT, from each and everyone of you, whole lot of food for thoughts. I'm incredibly grateful :) – Piotrek



## Member Wins

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I've accepted a place sponsored by Code First Girls on their Product Management course! – Shan

I created a dictionary app using React! This simple project taught me a lot about the fundamentals of React.!!! – Imani

My talk submission for DevRelCon in London got accepted!! – Kai

Very Excited! Just completed the Tableau component of a project I've been working on for a few months. The only thing left to do now is to finish organizing the readme and github! – Justin

Dan Ott had his first PR to the React codebase merged in!

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- I'm grateful for my VC family and all communities that have been supporting me to grow– Ayu
- I am grateful for the gorgeous mild high 70s weather my area of the world is experiencing right now. I am also grateful to have joined this VC community this week! – Cassie
- I'm grateful for having a job I enjoy, all my VC friends who have been so supportive, and my family. – Bekah

## Member Wins

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I've recently started a new full-time role! I am the new Communications Manager at Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) – Rebecca

Had the best stream ever in terms of engagement today! Feels good. – Nick

Successfully hosted a 3½hr teams call with presentations from 8 different teams, 50+ attendees and 2 guest speakers and it ran to time with 10 minutes to spare. – Andy

WIN: Attending my first conference this week! – Chuck

Yayyy I was promoted to staff developer today! – Jono



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- I'm also grateful to Joe, Jessica Wilkins, Meg , and Ramón for their advice on my conference talk a few weeks ago at a Tuesday VC chat. – Brian
- I'm grateful for Ray for his time explaining API to me. And I'm grateful for VC – Ayu
- I'm so grateful to be a part of VC. – Justin



## Member Wins

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Closed a bunch of tickets on my own, half way done with a SQL class, studying LPI certification, and reconnected with past co-workers. My mentor, manager, and team think I'm doing great. – Q

This win is from a week ago. My very first Hackathon turned out successful thanks to my team members. My team built FundRiser with Web3 technology and won 2 prizes. I was in charge of the front-end part. I made a React app with Tailwind on my own. It was also my first time using Tailwind, but the designs turned out really nice. – Satoshi

A project I've been maintaining with a colleague has reached #1 on Google – Christine

I've finished Harvard's CS50 yesterday – Ariadne

I just wrapped up a project at work and the business requirements weren't always easy to understand but we persevered and kept asking questions till we got it and were able to build out exactly what the client wanted. – Jessica



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- I'm grateful for a nice OSS chat and discussion with Dominic – Ayu
- Grateful to be part of the community, and looking forward to chatting with more of you! – Ren
- Grateful that this community exists, and Bekah invited me all those years ago – Kirk



## Member Wins

I PASSED MY DEMO CERT! - Marie

I am excited to announce that I will be full time with freeCodeCamp! –  
Jessica

Congratulations to Brian Rinaldi for CFE making the nominations for most  
welcoming Dev Community!

Deployed a photo gallery and blog website! – Lauren



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- Folks in this community and the node.js community have been very helpful to me and I just... yeah. super appreciate it – Frank
- I'm grateful for Virtual Coffee's Preptember kickoff. I forgot about it this year, and I'm really impressed by all of the amazing documentation that virtual coffee has put together. – Ross
- I'm grateful for Dominic for our collaboration times and for having my back – Ayu

## Member Wins

I just finished writing the last section for the alpha draft of my book on public speaking. – Arthur

I just got accepted to be a writer at freeCodeCamp! – Nick Taylor

Won my first-ever solo hackathon. – Wilfred

I finished my bootcamp course(Node.js) last week. – Satoshi

I've been accepted into the University of Colorado – Boulder's Post Baccalaureate Applied Computer Science program! – Lauren

Some big news! I'm going to be working with Bekah !!!!! – Nick

I am now a Postman Supernova. – Teri





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- Grateful for MagnoliaJS and meeting a bunch of VC people in person! – Dan
- Had my first virtual coffee today and I'm grateful. – Josh
- Grateful for many learning opportunities I got this week around open source and I'm always, always grateful for being part of the VC family – Ayu



## Member Wins

I got two talks accepted to <https://confoo.ca>! This will be the first time I'm giving a talk in person! – Nick

Had a win today : an interview tomorrow and I passed the AZ-900 (Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals) – Nerando

I'm unexpectedly speaking at Momentum next week. – Brian

It's official that Christine and I are supporting OpenSauced as community maintainers! – Ayu

You are now looking at one of the newest members on the Developer Advocate Advisory Board at DevNetwork & DeveloperWeek. – Chris



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- Grateful for feedback from Justin, Meg, and Ryan for my new educational static site. Thanks to everyone for helping me get it out there!
- Managed to get two nights of restful sleep after having a night with almost no sleep. Grateful for all the support from VC
- I participated in my first Hacktoberfest this year and just received my reward kit. The content is really sick!!! I'm so grateful for this community cause you guys really gave me the push through all your messages here.

## Member Wins

My blog reached 10K+ views! – Christine

I am so excited to officially be launching my new service, Say My Name, on Product Hunt today – Justin

Win: I had my PR merged into create-typescript-app. – Dominic

Completed 3 blogs for this month! – David

Finally finished building my blog. – Jessica



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- Been loving the group pomodoro sessions in the #co-working-room! Definitely help my ADHD brain get/stay in flow state!
- I spent all day in bed yesterday due to a migraine. Today, I didn't really want to do anything, but I saw we needed a room leader for today's coffee. Grudgingly, I volunteered. I had a great time and was immediately lifted out of my horrible mood. Thanks so much to everyone that started and helps keep VC running. My life would be a much darker place without all of you.
- I started a four month contract at EA this week as a Technical Writer! This group has helped me feel more confident navigating a career in tech, so thank you all so much.



## Member Wins

I finally broke a million post views on dev.to! – Nick

Woohoo! BekahHW's New Maintainers Resources making it into Favorite Series of the year on DEV! Congrats!!!

I deleted over 20,000 emails and freed 16% of my inbox. – Rad

I've been really into both scrollytales and clis for a while now... and now I'm iterating faster and faster! The hard work is paying off. – Lucia

Just submitted the final draft of my final article for Stoplight, and I think it's one of the best articles I've ever written. My editor agrees! – Julia





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- Thanks so much to everyone that started and helps keep VC running! – Justin
- I'm grateful for everything I learn from this community. – Cris
- I'm grateful for spending more time in [#co-working-room](#) this week and catch up with my folks – Ayu
- It has been a long week; many things are still on my to-do list. I'm grateful for all my chats in the [#co-working-room](#) this week. – Ethan



## Member Wins

Just did a major release with LinksHub, an open source project I maintain with another colleague. We redesigned the website to make it more user friendly and attractive. – Christine

Just got accepted to Distribute Aid's Open Source Explorers program, which I found out about here on VC back in November. Program just kicked off today. Super psyched!! – Dierdre

Offer letter has been signed and I officially join the DevRel team at DigitalOcean as a Senior Developer Advocate. – Chris

Finally finished my portfolio site! After weeks of flip-flopping between design decisions and even scrapping it altogether and starting over, I finally feel that this is worth deploying and sharing with the world. – Shabab

The app we programmed launched yesterday! – Ariadne



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- Grateful for friends who kept me company and made my days in the #co-working-room – Ayu
- I'm honestly just so grateful to be a part of an amazing community that supports and uplifts each other. – Chris
- Grateful for this community and for Cris taking time to review my very novice code when I requested critique to get better! – Ryan
- I'm grateful for Chris not just for his L&L today but bc he's stepped up as a volunteer in all the things. He's an amazing volunteer, speaker, and person willing to try new things. – Bekah

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- So grateful to find so many encouraging people! – Alex
- Grateful also as always for this community. – David
- I am also grateful for all the encouragement Julia gave me this week; it helped me break out of my shell. – Ethan
- Grateful for the VC Community, Good health, Family, getting assigned another client this month – Brendan

### Member Wins

I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Lead Developer at Sprokets! – Dan

Brave. Bold. Fearless. Our very own Meg spent 4+ hours working on Rust ( #doitlive ) this weekend. While I don't always advocate weekend work, what a great show of effort and inclusion to work through what we're doing in the Rust #learning-together cohort live. Live! On YouTube and Twitch! Congrats and way to go Meg.

DEV picked my WeCoded post for their Top 7 Posts of the Week. – Sarah

Pretty pleased I managed from a mkdir to a "working" & [publicly hosted website](#) in under 45 minutes – Mike

Im on [the news!](#) WXTL did a little article of the class I teach – Andrew

