



# 7 Things I Wish Somebody Told Me

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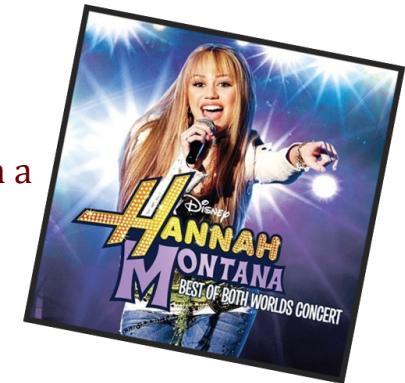
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# #7thingsdev

## 7 THINGS I WISH SOMEBODY TOLD ME

- Technical, Mental
- Mentor or Mentee
- Tweet #7thingsdev

Don't forget "dev"  
otherwise you'll be in a  
Miley Cyrus trend...

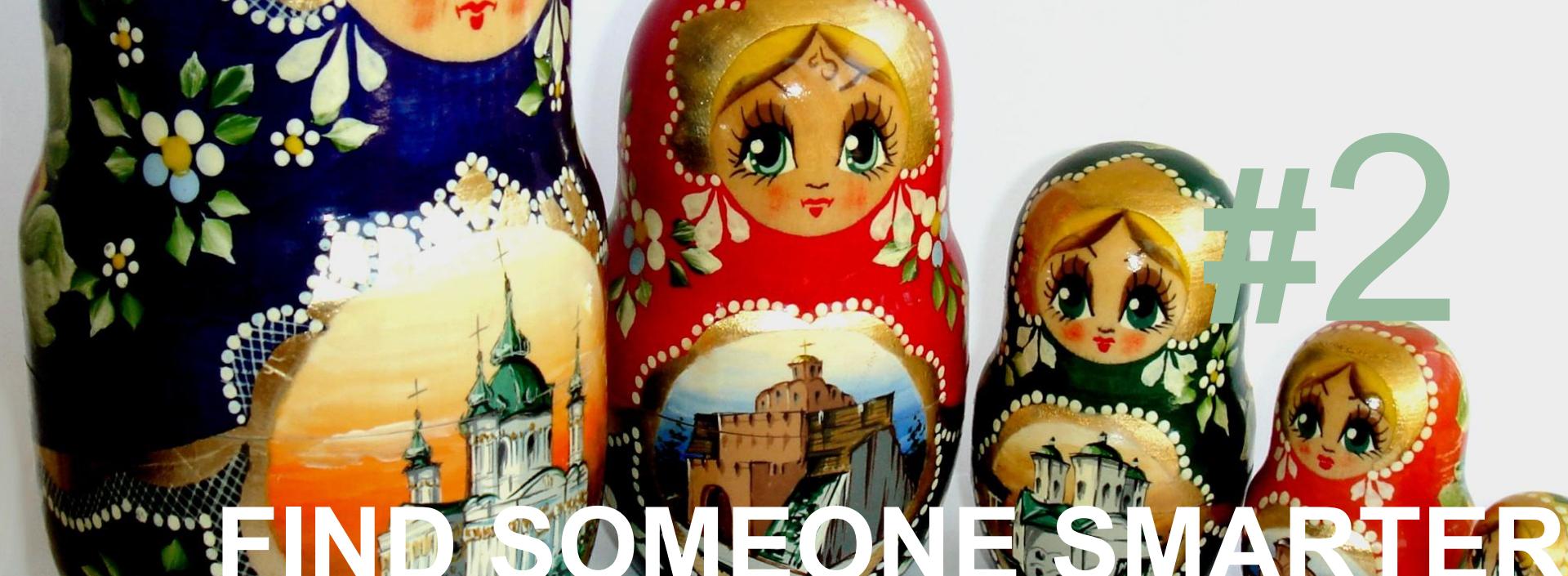


A photograph of a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark plaid shirt, looking down at a bookshelf. He is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The bookshelf behind him is filled with books of various sizes and colors, including titles like "PRETO BRANCO" and "VITRINA".

#1

# LEARN FROM EVERYTHING

- Parents and siblings
- What can we learn from hate?
- Find someone's passion



#2

# FIND SOMEONE SMARTER

- There always is...
- jQuery ⇒ Javascript
- Python Apps ⇒ Linux kernel

#2

# Find a Mentor

How many of you  
have a **mentor**?

When is the last time  
you **thanked** them?

# #2

What's happening? X

Hi @jamesrodenkirch I just wanted to thank you for all the help you've given me over the years - you're a great mentor. #7thingsdev

9 Tweet

**@jamesrodenkirch** == your mentor's handle

#2

# Be a Mentor

Sometimes  
there is no label  
You learn from teaching  
Giving is getting ahead (1)



- Users will lie to you
- They aren't doing it on purpose
- Your car mechanic loves you?



#4

## TEST EVERYTHING

- **Bugs are bad**, they erode trust
- No one is perfect <sup>(2)</sup>
- Release the quality you'd expect



How many  
programmers  
does it take  
to change a  
lightbulb?

**None.** That's a hardware problem.

A photograph of an older woman with grey hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, looking shocked or confused. Two young boys are looking at her from either side. One boy is holding a tablet device.

#5

# WE ARE CUSTOMER SERVICE

- If they didn't want it, you wouldn't do it
- **We are serving them**
- Learn from restaurant servers

A large, multi-tiered sandcastle with many spires and levels, built on a beach. In the background, there are several tall palm trees and a clear blue sky.

#6

## 2 DEVELOPMENT PATHS

- Innovation
- Stabilization
- Sandcastle builders know (3)



#7

# DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

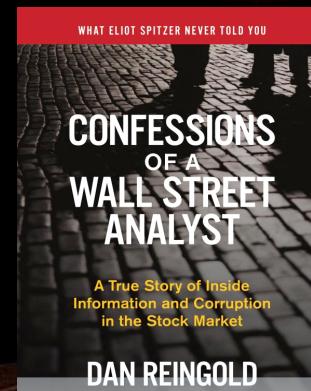
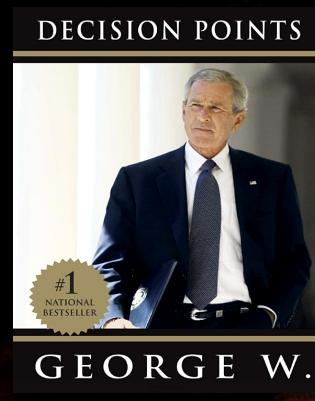
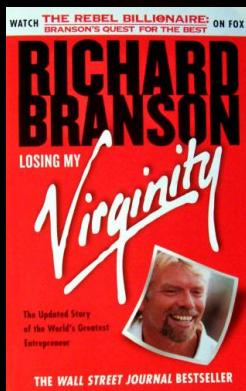
- Play an instrument
- Go for a walk
- Read something else

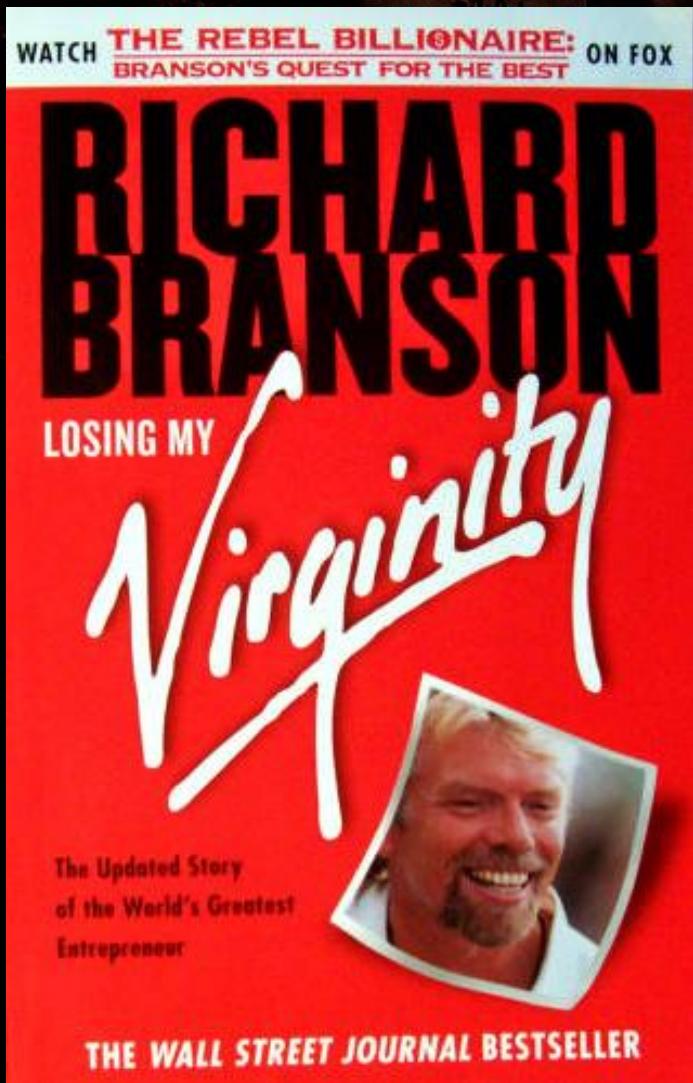
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# From my Mentor

Reading increases vocab  
History is not what, but why  
Geeks make the best lovers (4)

# What I learned from these books helped me to become a better programmer





Don't be afraid  
to take a gamble

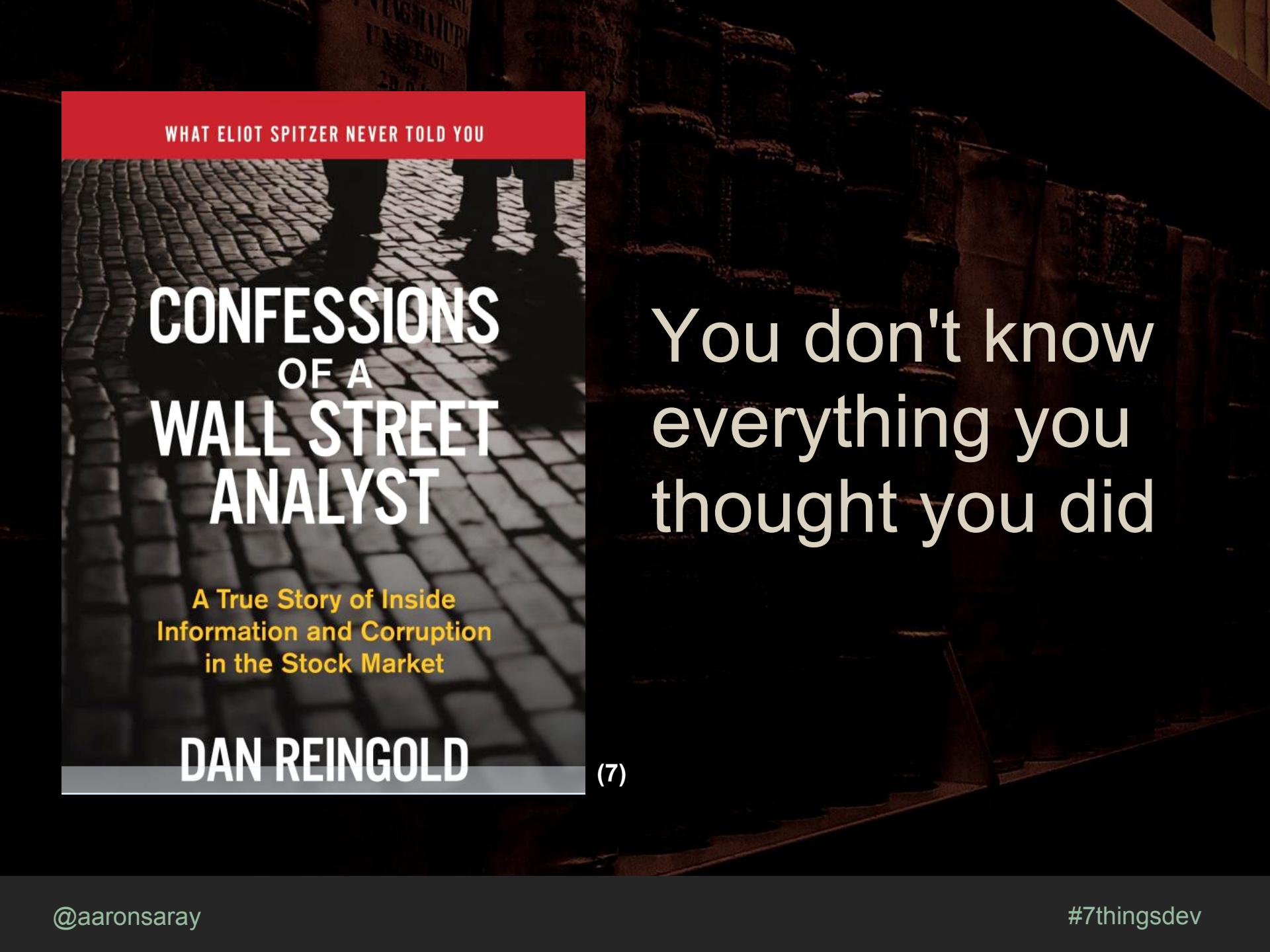
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# DECISION POINTS



There are always  
more conditions  
than you might  
be aware of

(6)



WHAT ELIOT SPITZER NEVER TOLD YOU

# CONFESSTIONS OF A WALL STREET ANALYST

A True Story of Inside  
Information and Corruption  
in the Stock Market

DAN REINGOLD

You don't know  
everything you  
thought you did

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# R E V I E W

- Learn from everything
- Find someone smarter
- Log everything
- Test everything
- We are customer service
- Two development paths
- Do something different

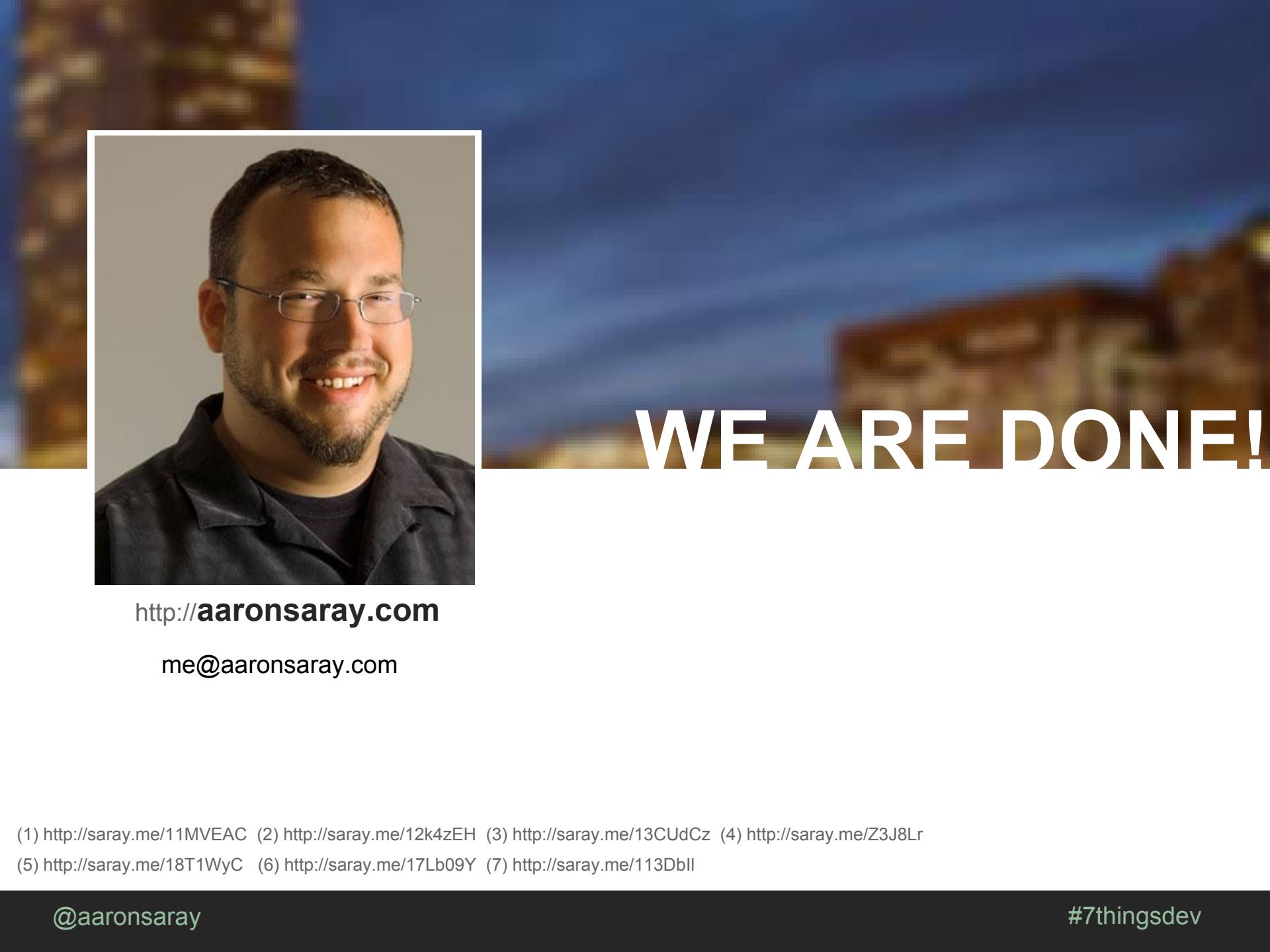
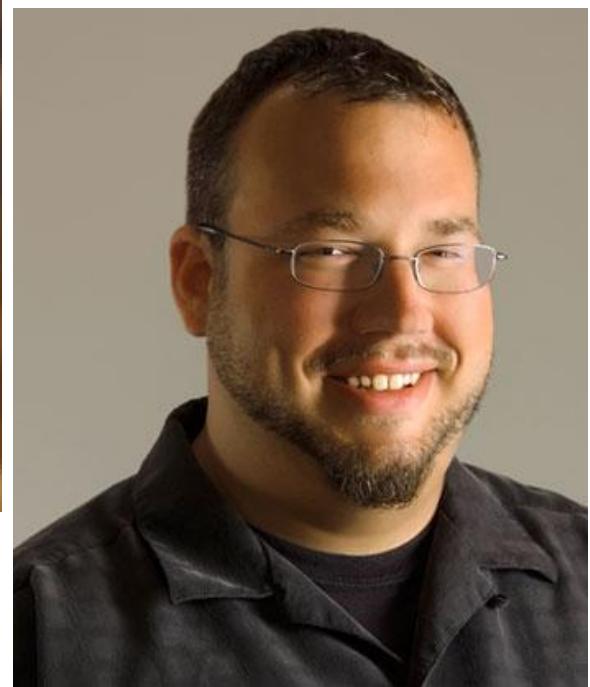




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A blurred background image of a beach at sunset or sunrise, showing warm orange and yellow colors reflecting on the water and sand.

# WE ARE DONE!

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