Show and Tell: Skill Acquisition

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Skill Acquisition

- I like learning
- I like tracking myself
- This is me tracking myself learn

The Skill

- Something I bet you did today...
- and were paid to do it...
- and you probably never practiced it...

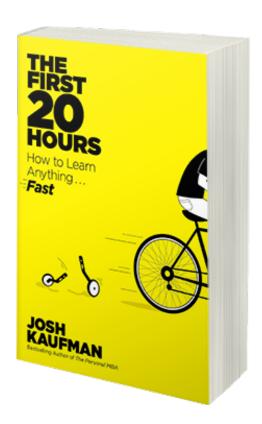
Typing!



Motivation

- Extreme fear of RSI
- Always intended to learn to touchtyping
- Found a book that inspired me

The First 20 Hours

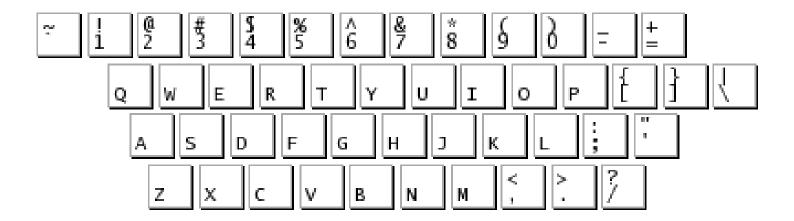


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The First 20 Hours

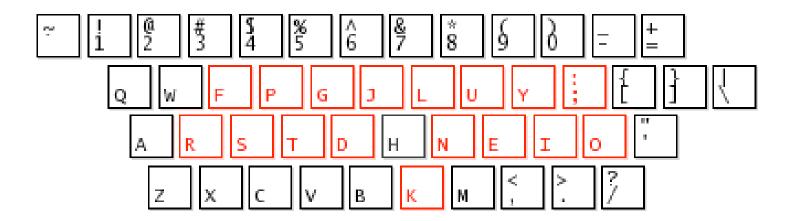
- Learning a skill shouldn't take more than 20 hours to get to a good enough standard
- A couple chapters of general how-to, then one chapter on each skill he learnt with his method
- One of these was touchtyping... with 'Colemak'

QWERTY



• Checkered past...

Colemak



• Smooth future...

Thank you

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