

How to Silence the Haters: Paired Programming, ftw!

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Why?

The Simulation

- Teams of 4
 - 2 Developers - one pencil each
 - 1 QA - one pen
 - 1 Customer

The Simulation

Task: mark all occurrences of the specified text on your worksheet.

e.g.: **paba**

pabaqadada**paba**paq**pab**ada

Round X: Divide and Conquer

Round Y: Code Review

Round Z: Pair Programming

Run this workshop yourself

<https://github.com/greghaskins/pair-programming-ftw>

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'greghaskins / pair-programming-ftw'. The repository has 4 commits, 1 branch, 0 releases, and 1 contributor. The commit history table is as follows:

Commit	Message	Time
e27c8fa	Update readme title and add automation notes	5 minutes ago
e27c8fa	Initial commit	3 days ago
e27c8fa	Update readme title and add automation notes	5 minutes ago
e27c8fa	Split out answers and worksheets pdfs	20 minutes ago
e27c8fa	Commit previous version as starting point	4 days ago
e27c8fa	Commit previous version as starting point	4 days ago
e27c8fa	Create manually-formatted quality check page	9 minutes ago
e27c8fa	Create manually-formatted quality check page	9 minutes ago
e27c8fa	Add rules cheat-sheet	26 minutes ago
e27c8fa	Add rules cheat-sheet	26 minutes ago
e27c8fa	Split out answers and worksheets pdfs	20 minutes ago

The README.md file contains the following content:

Pair Programming, ftw! A Simulation Workshop

At first glance, many people think pair programming is ridiculous. Why pay two people for a single job? We know better, of course, but it's often still not easy to convince skeptics.

This is a hands-on, non-technical workshop that proves the true value of pair programming: speed. Even if you ignore all the (numerous) other benefits of pairing, it's pretty hard to argue with higher team throughput.

Workshop participants can be any mix of developers, testers, managers, business analysts, marketing executives, HR – anybody. No technical skills are required.

Running the Workshop

Most of what you need to run the workshop can be found in [materials.pdf](#). That includes:

- Facilitator script and setup instructions
- Participant worksheets
- Supplementary slide deck with visual aids

Tweaking the Content

The worksheets and instructions are generated from an automated script because I'm a lazy programmer and wanted to play with Ruby.

You'll need:

- [Ruby](#)
- [wkhtmltopdf](#)

Then, just edit and run the `generate_materials.rb` script to regenerate the materials. Have fun with it.

Some of the process is somewhat manual because I wanted to tweak formatting and such and haven't gotten around to finding a good way to automate that.