Becoming a Better Developer

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About Me

- Live on Gold Coast (well just south of it)
- 9 Years Experience...approximately (professional)
- WordPress, Codeigniter, Laravel, Drupal, Ruby on Rails, Custom PHP CMS
- PHP, Ruby, Node, Shell, whatever I need to use to get the job done
- Like to build things
- pixelstack, devbase.io, email setup buddy
- bodyboarding, photography (jaymiejonesphoto.com), travel
- Unix/Linux User (Mac OS X primarily)

Basics

- Work with others (pairing)
- Listen to podcasts
- Experiment
- Use Tools
- Get to know your editor
- Learn the command line (damn terminal, you scary)
- Just Build Stuff
- Look After Yourself!

Work with others (pairing)

- Working together on the same project
- Review each others code
- Remote or in Person
- Do it as often as possible
- Skillset/experience does not matter

Listen to podcasts

- Podcasts are the easiest way to get a lot of information
- There are plenty out there
- Weekly, daily, monthly

Experiment

- Try something new at least once a week
- Go outside your comfort zone
- Try it on a real project*
- Try it on a side project

Use Tools

- There are lots of tools
- git, bower, grunt, gulp, drush
- codekit, prepros
- sass, less, stylus
- Lots more...

Get to know your editor

- IDE or text editor?
- Learn your editor inside out
- Don't be scared to try a different editor
- Yes, you will probably change editors, A LOT
- Vim is awesome (but not for new devs)
- Storm (IDE), Sublime Text, Atom, Vim

Learn the command line

- It is not so scary
- Start with 1 command
- Keep at it
- Profit!
- Take your setup with you
- Lots of benefits…

I HAVE SEEN THE END

NO ONE WAS SPARED, NOT EVEN THE CHILDREN

http://gman3790.blogspot.com.au/2013_06_01_archive.html

Just build stuff

- Learn by doing
- Write GOOD readme documents
- Find a problem and tackle it (by yourself or with a friend!...or stranger)
- Dont be scared to fail, it is a GOOD THING

Don't Be Stupid! Look After Yourself!

- Take micro breaks (short 5, 10 mins)
- Take a holiday every year
- Stand up, sitting is bad for your heart
- Excercise! A morning jog, or even a stroll
- The sun is your friend (in small doses)
- Eat well and get some sleep
- Actually do things with people in real life

In Summary

- Teach and Learn (Pairing)
- Keep up to date (its easy, well sort of)
- Go outside your comfort zone (regularly)
- Try new things
- Know the tools you use
- Learn the command line
- Look after yourself
- Just build things, just do it

Questions?

Dont be scared to ask

(the only stupid question is the one not asked)