The importance/fun of *Typing*

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The Zone

- Coding is a very brain-intensive activity
  - anything distracting your focus away from the code itself will ruin your ***flow state*** (https://lmgtfy.app/?q=flow+state)
- To enter flow you need full focus i.e. no distractions. If you get distracted by thinking "where is the U key?!" then you will never enter The Zone.
- Flow state is an amazing feeling - programming can be quite addictive when you enter it regularly!

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- Common alternatives are Dvorak or Colemak
- But I would recommend QWERTY due to its ubiquity
  - Do not feel forced to use your middle finger for the C key, I use my index finger
- No matter what layout you use, the most important skill is *touch typing* which means you do do not have to look at the keyboard while typing.

VSCode is not the only editor

- If you ever tried `git commit` on the terminal you may have been extremely confused and stuck
- What opens is called Vim, and it is pretty scary and has a steep learning curve
- I would not say everyone should learn it, but it is very useful in practice because you may sometimes *only* have a terminal
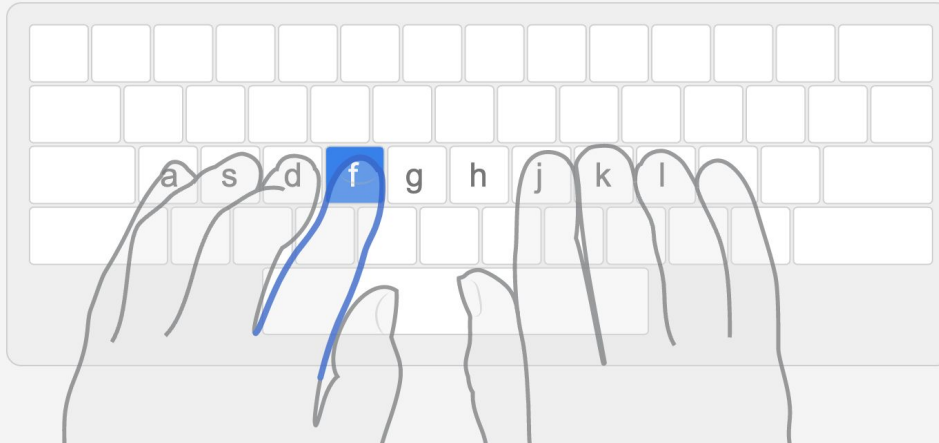
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COMPETITION

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