

The background of the slide is a light gray, semi-transparent image of a desk setup. It includes a white computer keyboard with visible keys like 'command', 'alt', 'option', and 'shift'. A white mouse is partially visible on the right. In the foreground, there is a spiral-bound notebook with a grid pattern and a silver pen resting on it. A laptop is also visible in the background, slightly out of focus.

# 10 Phases of a Web Developer's Career

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# Phase 1 - Noob



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- The period when you have absolutely no clue **what you're doing**.
- Like a **fish out of water**, each new line of code is a mystery. Doctype? Huh? What the heck does a `<div>` do?
- The first phase is an intimidating, scary, but exciting one. How many dang languages are there?



# Phase 2 -The First Steps



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- The one in which you slowly begin building your **skill-set**.
- At least you're able to make a change in your code editor and see it **reflected** in a web browser. **That's a wonderful feeling!**

# Phase 3 - Complete Frustration





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- Searching for a way out. With each step, you hope to see a glimmer of light.
- If the frustration becomes too overwhelming, find peace in the fact that every one of us felt that exact way at one point or another in our careers.

**You're not alone.**

before long, you'll reach the *aha phase!*

**GO  
ON**



# Phase 4 - The Aha Moments



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- An "aha" moment is one of the **greatest feelings in the world**
- "Ohhhhh, now I see!" Personally, I've found that this coding break-throughs occur late at night when the rest of the world is sleeping.
- After the **eighth read**, what was once blurry is now, at least somewhat, **clear!**
- This is the phase when all of the technologies and languages you've been learning begin to click.

# Phase 5 - Breakable Code



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- At this point, you are **successfully** building applications and **achieving** your desired end result,
- but the concept of **testing** has not yet entered your brain.



# Phase 6 - Copycat



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- The copycat phase is an **important one**.
- There's no **better way** to learn good coding techniques
- Don't feel badly every artistic career has its copycat phase! Luckily, **GitHub** has made this form of silent envy easier than ever before.
- Copying will only get you so far, but it's an **excellent start!**, and, eventually, **you'll begin to develop your own style**.

# Phase 7 - Cocky



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- At this point, you're finally beginning to get into a groove.
- There's certainly vast room for improvement, but your **confidence is quickly rising - perhaps too quickly!**
- They say that, in the first few years, you still don't know enough to realize just how little you know!



# Phase 8 - learning the magic ways



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- This is the phase when you begin harnessing, not only your coding techniques but **your workflow as well Proper** tooling is equally as important as technique.

# Phase 9 - When Code Becomes Art



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- One day, you will look at your code and the ease with which you breeze through the command line, and **realize that it's nothing short of art.**
- Code becomes art when its **readability** is easily as important to you as the action it performs. In this phase, your code for **human** beings not machines.



# Phase 10 - Seasoned



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- No longer do you think in terms of **language or framework**.
- You **simply** see problems and choose the **correct tool** from your coding tool chest to provide the solution.
- You've become a mature, thoughtful developer who others want to work with.  
**Congratulations.**