# 10 Phases of a Web Developer's Career

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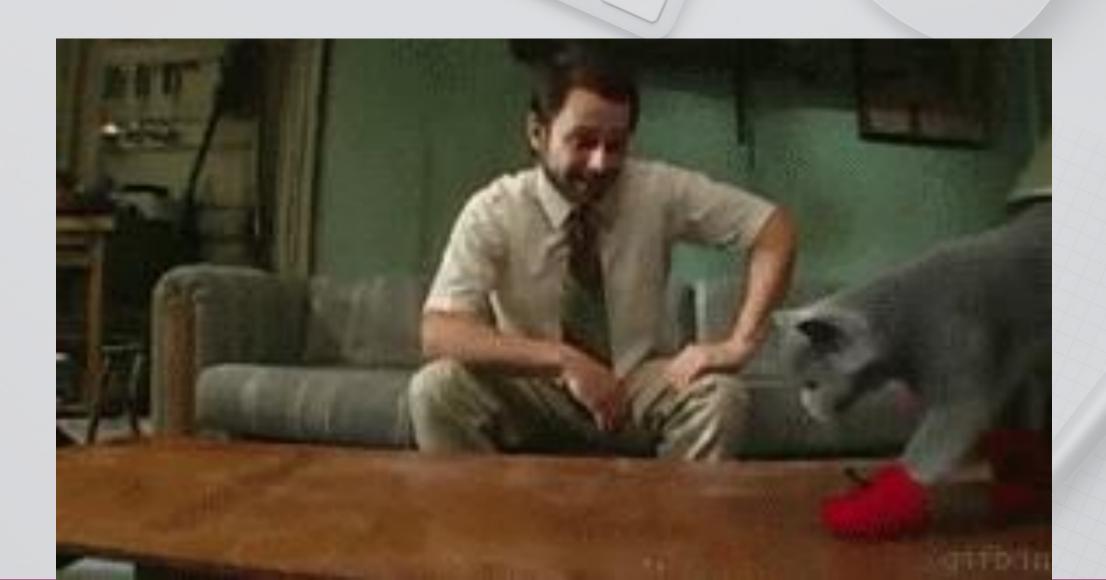
#### Phase 1 - Noob



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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.

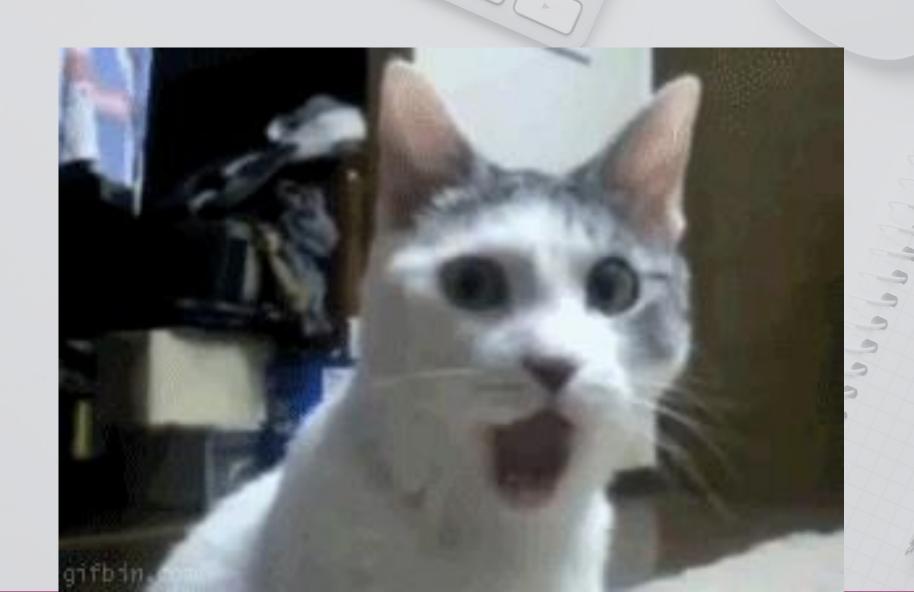
 If the frustration becomes too overwhelming, find peace in the fact that every one of us felt that exact way at one point or another in our careers.

#### You're not alone.

before long, you'll reach the aha phase!



## 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!

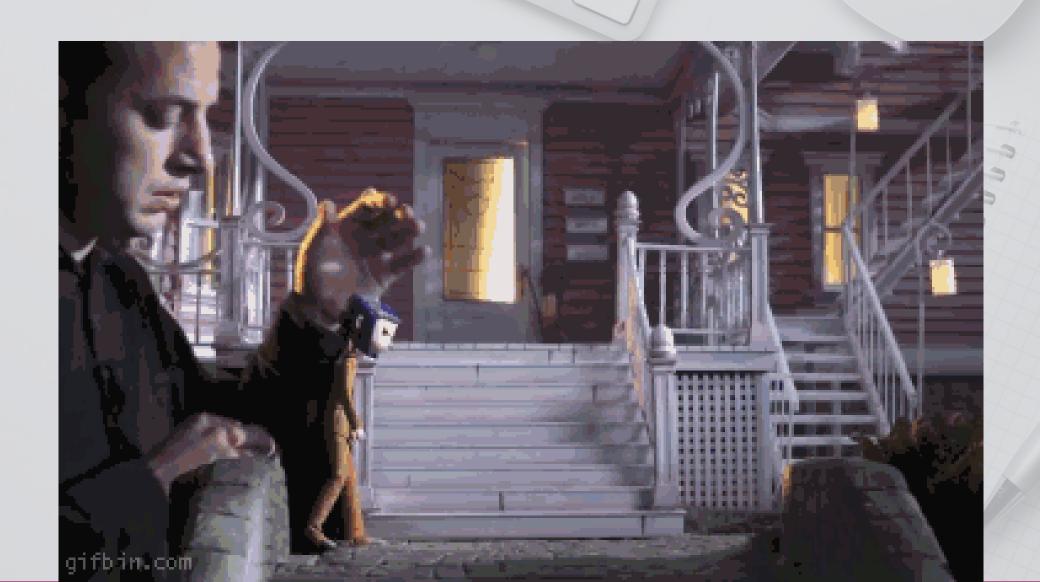
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This is the phase when you begin harnessing,
 not only your coding techniques but your workflow as well Proper tooling is equally as important as technique.

## 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 <a href="https://example.com/human">human</a> 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 TOO** from your coding tool chest to provide the solution.
- You've become a mature, thoughtful developer who others want to work with.
  Congratulations.