

You passed INFO6150, now what?

- You have been web developers for weeks
- Always more to learn
- Easy to forget details
- Practice!
 - Github repos of *personal projects*
 - portfolio sites of UI
- Expand
- Tap into info sources

Practice

Best way to improve as a coder is to code

Make a public repo

- contribute over time
- **<https://blog.patricktriest.com/host-webapps-free/>**

Contributions over time

- Teach you more
- Give you an interview topic
- Show value to employers

Showing off

Every has a resume and claims

Have something VISUAL

- A Github Pages demo site
 - or other host of your choice

You never know which visual trick excites them

Portfolio tips

- Don't show off assignment code
 - Lots of people can copy code from class
 - Your audience lacks context
- Build your HTML/CSS by hand
 - SASS/etc okay, but include your original
- Be explicit about what you will show
 - "Parallax background", "Adaptive mobile hamburger menu"
 - Assume they may not actually look at it

Expand your UI/UX knowledge

- More A11y tools?
- Advanced UI patterns?
 - <http://ui-patterns.com/>
 - <https://careerfoundry.com/en/blog/ui-design/ui-element-glossary/>
- UI prototyping tools
 - Figma
 - Proto.io
 - etc
- Learn available Libraries

Expand your web dev knowledge

- 6250 class
 - Service calls
 - CORS
 - front end "architecture"
- Server-side Rendering of React
 - Next.js?
- JS: Typescript?
- Automated Testing

Expand your audiences

- Desktop apps with Electron?
- Chrome Extensions?

Stay Informed

Some from my list (twitter):

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@geekgalgroks @cassidoo  
@zeldman      @laurieontech  
@jaffathecake @JoshWComeau  
@rmurphey     @b0rk  
@meyerweb     @TerribleMia  
@jen4web      @darkpatterns
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I recommend people over lists

- You *will* find contradictory advice

Curate HEAVILY

- Don't trust the algorithm

More info sources

Don't rely on the firehose, actively seek good sources

I use RSS to keep track of blogs

- <https://overreacted.io/>
- <https://youtu.be/wPcv9Rp4lHk>

Many use podcasts/youtube/twitch

- <https://www.kevinpowell.co/>

Many conferences offer free/cheap videos!

- Don't need to attend physically or even realtime
- So many cons exist!

Bumps Ahead

- Imposter Syndrome
- Gatekeeping
- Web Hate

Imposter Syndrome

You are a fraud, and when they find out your career and reputation are ruined

Remember

- Everyone knows only a tiny slice
- The more you know, the more aware of ignorance
- Arrogant people can't be trusted
- You've done a lot
 - You aren't done

Keep the joy of learning

Gatekeeping

Unfortunate reality of people

- "HTML/CSS isn't a real language/real programming"
- "You aren't cut out for programming"
- "you just make it look pretty"

...but not reality of actual reality

- Why was Web successful? Why not replaced?
- Why do they want to gatekeep you out?

Web Hate

A particular brand of gatekeeping

- "web dev is trash programming"
- "JS? Haha!"

This can really tear into you

Caring makes you a great dev

- Caring makes you vulnerable

Be Nice

It can be nasty out there

- particularly for non-men, non-whites
 - but no one is totally safe
- protect yourself
- never think it is deserved
- don't add to it
 - but still stand up for yourself
 - and for others
 - particularly if you're not marginalized