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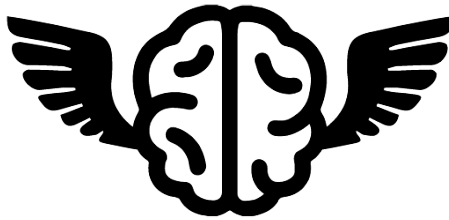
Introduction

Being a developer is a skill for the elite and even though it is a rewarding career it can still be stressful at times. Luckily the positives far outweigh the negatives. As developers and even human beings we need to make sure we don't take for granted the gift we've been given. Sometimes it's nice to have a little reminder of why being a developer is one of the best career choices and for that reason we should be happy.

Many of the motivations and inspirations in this book are for developers and some are targeted at personal self development. Being a well-rounded individual will also dramatically help your development skills and your career.

So, with all that said. Let's begin.

1 - You Have Chosen Wisely



The tech & developer industry is exploding and programmers are in high demand.

You should pat yourself on the back for choosing such an amazing career. Just think where you might be if you had pursued that art or psychology degree. The picture probably isn't pretty.

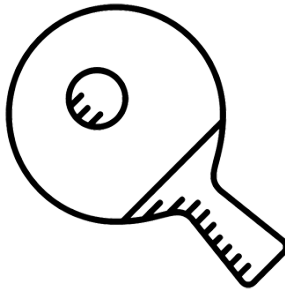
Take a look back at what it was that made you interested in programming.

- Did you used to love playing video games and that motivated you to create games for a living?
- Did you create a website for your band and realize you're much better at web development than playing guitar?
- Did someone inspire you to write a program and you fell in love with coding?

Whatever the reason is that made you interested in programming you should be proud of that because it got you to where you are today.

The demand for web developers and app developers shows no sign of slowing down. Every year more and more development jobs are needed. So, be proud of yourself because you have chosen wisely and made an excellent career choice.

2 - Your Job Is Fun



As a developer you get to create something out of nothing, and there's nothing more exciting than that! You get to start off with a blank canvas and turn it into the next greatest web or mobile app.

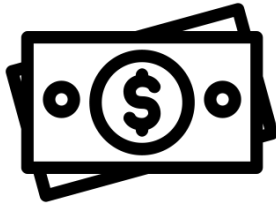
Some company environments are more pleasant than others and luckily the tech industry is known for having some of the funnest environments than any other field. Where else could you find a job where nerf gun wars are an every day occurrence? What other field gives you the possibility to work from home? Not many... That's why you've really hit the jackpot when you chose a career in the tech industry.

Developers also have a very creative side. It may be a different kind of creativity than that of an artist or a designer, but it takes a lot of creativity to visualize an idea and output it in code.

Whether you're having fun with the project you're working on, having fun hanging out with co-workers, or having fun talking about geeky programming topics there all a good reason to be grateful for being a developer.

You've picked a fun career choice. Make sure to laugh more, smile more, and be happy.

3 - Low Cost Resources



Being a better developer does not require much. All you need is a laptop, an internet connection, and a thirst to learn.

There are so many resources out there to help you become a better developer and learn new technologies. Many of these resources are free and some of the premium learning content costs are very minimal.

Many will seek out a Software or Engineering degree; however, that really isn't necessary for you to get better at programming. Many of the smartest developers are self taught. I'm not saying you don't need to go to school to learn more about programming, rather I'm saying that it is not necessary.

The cost for increasing your developer skills are very low. Be happy that your wallet doesn't need to get any thinner in order to take your skills to the next level.

4 - Continual Learning



The tech industry is always growing. There are always new tools, libraries, and frameworks created daily.

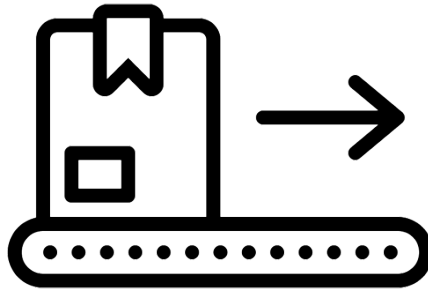
Keeping up with all of the latest technologies can seem overwhelming, but there's an easy solution. The solution is to understand that you are not going to learn everything that's out there, it's just not feasible to think that you're going to learn every library or framework available. Instead you can focus on the tools and libraries you find interesting.

As a developer you will learn new things every day. You can learn some of the coolest frameworks on the block or you can feel free to hammer down fundamentals on the stuff you already know. Either way you'll always be increasing your knowledge of programming concepts, research strategies, SEO tactics, database structures, marketing, etc...

The bottom line is that you are going to be learning new things on a daily basis and you'll get better and better at your trade.

As a programmer every day that you go into work you are becoming a better developer than you were the last. You'll eventually be an expert in your field if you continually research, continually grow, and continually learn.

5 - Control of the Outcome



As a developer you have full control in how your product turns out. Although at times you may not be able to use the tools or the language you would like, you can still control the outcome of the finished product.

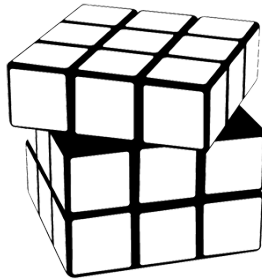
Even if you are working for a client and you don't have much passion for what the client does, you can still have full control on whether or not to make the product awesome.

Take pride in your code, make it clean & easy to read. Even if no one is ever going to peek under the hood to see how amazing your code really is, it will show in the end.

Additionally, if are working on something you enjoy then you will probably be working in the same code-base for many years to come. So, why not make your future self happy? Leave some comments in your code and while you're at it throw in a cheesy pun.

Anyone can build a website nowadays, but when you put love into your product it really shows. You have full control over your project. So you decide whether it will be mediocre or if it will be amazing.

6 - Problem Solving Skills



As a developer part of your primary job is solving problems and fixing issues. As your skills grow you will become better and better at solving problems quicker.

Most programmers enjoy a good challenge. It's kind of like playing video games. The fun doesn't happen when you finish the game, rather the fun part is figuring out how to finish it. It can be a lot of fun digging deep into a problem and coming up with the perfect solution in the end.

Having good problem solving skills is helpful in many aspects of your life. Understanding that all problems may take a little time to find the appropriate solution is a valuable lesson to learn. This lesson pertains to real life problems along with programming problems.

Strong problem solvers are typically very successful in life. So, continue practicing those skills and eventually you will learn to master your problem solving abilities.