The Path to Becoming a Developer!

You can do it!
Who am I?

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[Image of a person with red hair and a smiling expression]
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jQuery

RailsConf

GORUCO

<write/speak/code>
Of course I know what I'm doing!

How did I get here?

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Corporate to Start ups
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What do you want to do?

- Improve my blog or site
- Create a really cool web app
- Design website
- Learn how to talk to developers
- Tech skills for job: marketing, social media, admin
What do you like?
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Become part of the community

- Ask and answer questions
- Read blogs
- Join groups and meet-ups
Be Visible

- Website
- Blog
- Github
- LinkedIn
- Twitter
Think like a developer

- Automate things
- Build for yourself
Build things for others

- **ASK**
- Tell them what you can do
- Make suggestions
- Get Paid!

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You will feel overwhelmed!
Concrete Skills

- HTML + CSS
- Javascript + jQuery
- Command line
- Ruby or Python etc
- Databases
- Github profile
- Cross-browser issues
- Debugging
- User stories
Questions?

- Actively + vocally search for opportunities
- Find someone to give you a chance (Moms count)
- Say yes -- even though you are thinking ‘Holy Sh*t’