

The Happy Hackers Handbook

Finding Joy in Software Development Again

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**Remember why you
started?**



***What the hell am
I doing here?!***

A software developer, not that long ago



"Would not recommend without sarcasm, caffeine, and a very supportive rubber duck"

**So... how do we
make it better?**



**Let's talk about
expectations**

What we expected vs. what we got

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Winter_2004_DreamHack_LAN_Party.jpg



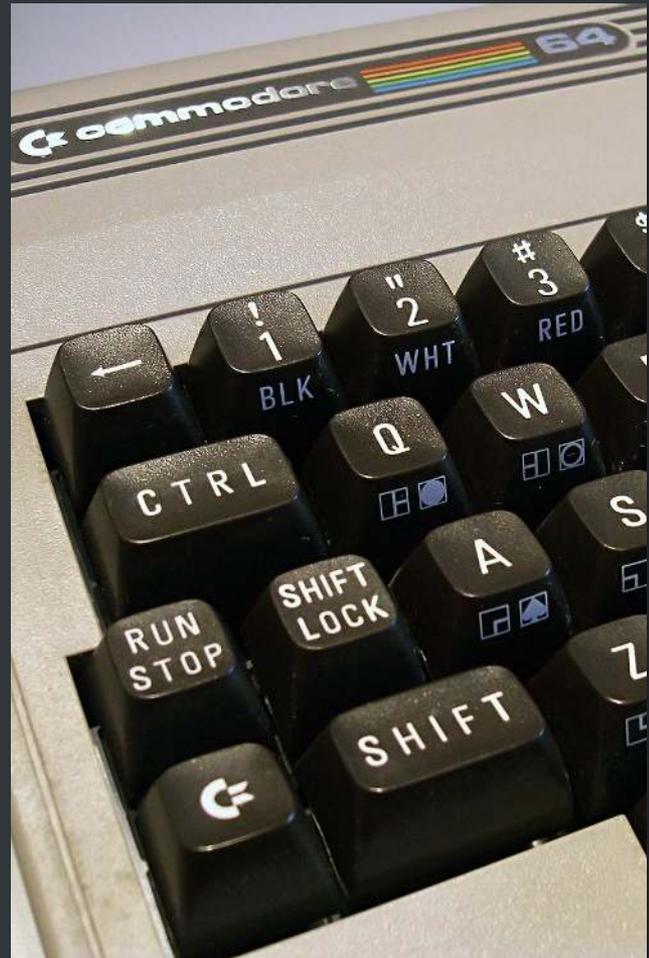
What am I **really**
looking for?



**Not everything
has to be shiny**



Legacy work is
important work!



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Handbook entry #1

Start with honest reflection

Recognition and self-worth



Unknown heroes



**Play your
strengths**



**Professionalism
means asking
for help if you
need it**



Handbook entry #2

*Being good doesn't
always look good*

**Communication
is everything**

**Understand your
stakeholders like
you understand
your code**



**Don't just code
for them.
Empathize
with them.**



Handbook entry #3

***People aren't an obstacle.
They are the point!***

**Own your work,
protect your energy**

Take ownership of your Career



**Find or become
a mentor**



**Don't let work
become your
identity**



The problem with making a career out of something you love is that it can make you hate the thing you loved.

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**Take time off
to stay effective**



Retrospect yourself



Handbook entry #4

***Sustainable work
is intentional work***

*You don't **find** joy in your career.
You **build** it.*

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Thank you!

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