To those is coding, programming, software dev: have you found it to be a line of work conducive to a red pill lifestyle?

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MattyAnon • 6 points • 14 February, 2018 12:51 AM

I'm in a technical field.

Conducive to a TRP lifestyle? In many ways yes. Zero contact with women at work which is good. Good money. Somewhat flexible hours at the top.

The logical thinking is kinda bad. You need to snap yourself out of it to deal with women.

Management is good.

But really, you've sort of got no choice. If you excel at these things, they're probably your best option.

> scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 01:10 AM
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> Thanks this was my line of reasoning too. Becoming an employable software dev is not the easiest tho.
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> > MattyAnon • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 01:22 AM
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> > What's the alternative?
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> > > scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 2 points • 14 February, 2018 07:31 AM
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> > > Was considering starting a blog and trying to monetize but I know that can easily turn into a rabbit hole that goes nowhere. Everyone wants to "live the dream" off their blog but few pull it off realistically.
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> > > But when considering career path, people ask "What could you easily enjoy spending your whole day doing?" And the answer is just reading and writing about what I find interesting and blogging about it. We live in interesting times and I want to deepen my views and put it into words.
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> > > The only thing I'm passionate about right now is exercise and analyzing cultural trends and finding the best ways to give historical context for proper understanding. Coupled with a lifestyle blog.
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> > > But shit I know that's kind of a pipe dream. I'd be pretty good at it, but how can I put my eggs in that basket to rely on? Plus I'd have to hide my identity cuz I'm so far outside the Overton window.
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> > > So I've settled on this developer thing which can be interesting but realistically I'm coming to understand it can be hard to differentiate yourself from the plethora of other code monkeys and actually make decent money. I'm approaching thirty so I'm already disgusted with the whole question of what to do with myself. Thanks for taking the time to read if you did man.
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> > > > MattyAnon • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 09:39 AM
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> > > > > But when considering career path, people ask "What could you easily enjoy spending your whole day doing?
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> > > > And this is shit advice. A career is a compromise between what you want to do and what other people will pay you for.
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> > > > Blogging offers other people very little value. Almost noone monetizes it and millions try.
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Extremely hard to monetize.

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Right. Same with TRP.

> So I've settled on this developer thing which can be interesting but realistically I'm coming to understand it can be hard to differentiate yourself from the plethora of other code monkeys and actually make decent money.

If you can code you can make decent money. Forget all the shit you see online where you're competing with Indian coders working for $1 a day. Jobs in engineering pay great.

> I'm approaching thirty so I'm already disgusted with the whole question of what to do with myself.

What have you done so far? What jobs have you held?

> scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 12:19 PM
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> Haven't done much so far man, it's depressing. Dropped out of a four year Econ/philosophy degree. Worked as a server and then failed at sales. That's all I got. I'm actually a very talented person but my identity never came together right during my formative years so it's like running on a super glitchy operating system. It's really caused me to fall far short of who I feel I was "supposed" to become. Suicide has never left the back of my mind. And I'm a week into a coding bootcamp and already feeling suffocated and demotivated. But fuck it I have no choice. Thx for the advice.
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>> MattyAnon • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 01:36 PM
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>>> I'm actually a very talented person but my identity never came together right during my formative years so it's like running on a super glitchy operating system
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>> Fuck that shit. Time to take responsibility for your life, time to own it. When you make excuses like "because...formative years", you're avoiding fixing yourself.
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>> We all have baggage. Shit goes wrong. We handle it and we get on with it. Excuses are for women, not for men.
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>>> I'm actually a very talented person
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>> Talented at what? What can you do? What are you good at? Most talents take years to develop.
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>>> And I'm a week into a coding bootcamp and already feeling suffocated and demotivated. But fuck it I have no choice. Thx for the advice.
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>> You're welcome. It looks like you're snapping to your senses and realising that wallowing in the past is pointless and that it's your job to fix you. Good work on that.
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>> Suffocated and demotivated: this could be because coding isn't for you. Or it could be that hard work isn't something you're used to. Coding is awesome, but it's really not for everyone. You usually need somewhat of a maths/logic background and from what you've said so far this doesn't seem to be where your aptitude lies.

But do stick it out - because frankly you need to learn to stick things out.

scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 03:02 PM*

I absolutely have aptitude in math. In the college entrance exams I scored 97th percentile. Dude I've been trying to "take responsibility for myself" for a decade. This isn't some new snapping out of it phase. It never works man. It never works. There is no end to my personal hell. I've tried a dozen medications, and dozen therapists, and multiple non traditional treatments. You have no idea how infuriating the impotence of that shit is. I didn't intend for this thread to get into all this but whatev. I was just asking advice for the tech field.

MattyAnon • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 03:19 PM

> I didn't intend for this thread to get into all this but whatev.

Would you like to discuss this or drop it?

scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 05:35 PM

I don't mind discussing it at all. I just didn't want to overwhelm by spilling my guts when you're voluntarily giving me feedback. I guess it was sort of a caveat.

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Rian_Stone • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 02:02 PM

> I'm actually a very talented person but my identity never came together right during my formative years so it's like running on a super glitchy operating system.

This is your ego and it's lies. you stop trying because too many people told you how smart you were. So when something isn't immediately paying off, you quit, so you can have an excuse. Otherwise, you have to give yourself a narcissistic injury, and admit that you may be smart, but you still have to work at things like every other midwit out there.

If i would have tried I would have succeeded, but because of X Y Z, my failures are not my fault, it's definitely not my fault. Did I mention how it wasn't my fault and I'm still a smart guy

scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 02:59 PM

Ehh not really man. You're making a diagnosis based on very little knowledge. I actually beat myself up for so long for being able to do anything with my intelligence. And it's not bullshit "cuz people told me". I've always scored high on tests. I get super angry that I haven't been able to turn that into anything.

Rian_Stone • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 03:13 PM

That's what I was referring to, you arent the only genius in the world, and your situation isn't unique.

From experience, you dont want to be the MUH IQ guy. I've been there, it's not useful.

You won't accept this now. Give it time, you'll start to see it, now that you're looking for it.

Or you're hooked on weed and porn... Posters often bury the lead, so it's possible.

> scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 05:40 PM*
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> No man I get it. I understand IQ alone doesn't mean much. I just mentioned it to give context to my frustration.
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> And no I'm not hooked on weed or porn. More addicted to exercise and now that I can't as heavily due to this rigorous bootcamp schedule, it's caused my mind and moods to deteriorate. I've been diagnosed with a sort of bipolar depression and heavy lifting has been my medicine. But I need to build a career and that limits energy and time for gym. And I'm just surprised how fast I feel suffocated without vigorous exercise.
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> Weed is too traumatic for me. It confronts me with my baggage and gives me existential drama.
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> Porn, well I've looked at too much in my day but I'm not hooked on it anymore. Unfortunately it faded from interest more due to my mind going gray rather than out of discipline. Maybe I just grew out of it.
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> I just feel permanently on my heels in life and have chosen software dev as a way to get back on top of things. So I posted here to get feedback on it. There's just some shitty realities to grinding thru training.
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> And my mental health is such a goddam balancing act. It's been put on a very shaky foundation due to years psychological stress. High cortisol for extended periods of time really does deteriorate your functionality man. It's not just an empty excuse. It's a subtype of ptsd. I can't remember if I mentioned it already but I've tried a dozen meds and a dozen therapists and a few non traditional treatments. All underwhelming. I just can't seem to find a productive path and rhythm. When I was lifting heavy 4-5 times per week and feeling good, I wasn't employed much so that wasn't gonna cut it long term.

FiveStarTendieDinner • 3 points • 14 February, 2018 12:24 AM

A true red pill lifestyle is doing whatever the fuck you want, whenever the fuck you want with no regard for what other people think or how they feel.

> scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 01:09 AM
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> I get that, but realistically I have no way to make a livable wage in a self employed way right now. So software dev seems like a pretty good alternative.
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> I thought about doing a lifestyle blog to make money and live off but I know that's mostly a pipe dream to pull off livable funds from that.
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> > thepitman • 1 points • 14 February, 2018 03:20 AM **[recovered]**
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> > You could potentially be able to live off of blogs/affiliate stuff (affiliate stuff took a hit from google btw) but you really do need to do your due diligence. Also, don't expect real money in the first year. Depending on the niche, you could get 500-1k/month 8-12 months in (8-12 months after site release).
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> > It truly is a pain in the ass to get started and become known, but once you do, it becomes easier and easier. I know people who made $100/month in month 4 and by month 6 they were making $500/month.

One guy was making $800/month after 6 months of release but he's probably in the minority.

The point is that you could eventually live off of that but it will take you a couple of years before it becomes viable. Unfortunately, it's a grind like anything else but the rewards are way better in my opinion (own boss, work when you want, the potential for way more money, etc.).

At the end of the day, this is a business.

If your goal is to live off of blogs then software development is great. Even better if you can get a web development job and treat it like a reverse college. You get paid to learn stuff that will probably help you.

> scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 07:38 AM
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> Right that is essentially the plan. Get some financial and job security doing software/webdev. Then start blogging on the side.
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> But is building a blog something you can grind out "on the side"? Those guys you mentioned who created blogs, were they building it full time? Or on the side?
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> > thepitman • 1 points • 14 February, 2018 11:21 PM **[recovered]**
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> > They all have full-time jobs and work on it in their free time.
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> > If you want your site to be up and getting views in a few months, you will need to work a good amount. Think along the lines of 20 hours a week.
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> > If you're in no rush, you can work less on it. ie: few hours on the weekend, 1-2 hours every other work day, etc.
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> > I don't know how much you know about creating/running blogs so here's a couple of tips:
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> > the #1 thing you need to learn is keyword research. You can't talk about random stuff that no one searches for.
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> > You also need good writing/articles so you may or may not want to hire a writer. I recommend native English people (or not if they have a good resume). Paying a rate of 2.0-2.5 cents/word will get you some decent writers.
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> > Do your research before committing to anything.
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> > > scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 15 February, 2018 12:02 AM
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> > > I would be writing. Possibly under multiple pseudonyms on the same blog. I am a good native English speaking writer and I am passionate about reading and writing and sharing my ideas. It would essentially be a manosphere blog, although not so much about dating. I have little interest in hiring other writers. This blog would essentially be my mind and ideas and lifestyle expressed in a marketable and artistic form. I would be working like 30 hours per week to get it up. I just hope it's not a pipe dream. Also concerned that this niche might be hashed out. Although I do believe I have unique perspectives to add.
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> > > > thepitman • 1 points • 15 February, 2018 12:24 AM **[recovered]**
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> > > > It's cool that you want to write about that but how will you make money?
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> > > > You have to think about this. Will you do some sort of affiliate marketing for something (products or some service), money through ads on the site, or will you sell some product?
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> > > > After you thought about that, you need to look into keyword research. A keyword is 1 or more words that people search for every single day (ie: "how to get fit", "best hunting knife", "how to become a better man", "what is curling", etc.).

You must look at the competitors. If there's barely any weak competition, it's probably going to be hard and cost you a good chunk of money to get to their level.

It could be a 'pipe dream' as you put it, but it could also be a good niche to exploit. Only you will know after you do some research.

scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 15 February, 2018 03:42 AM

I really appreciate your input man. Couple more quick questions. First is why exactly does it require a good chunk of money to compete with the good blogs? I know it takes time but why a chunk of cash?

Secondly, what are the methods of monetizing? Selling ads, selling affiliate marketing, selling your own product— anything else?

thepitman • 1 points • 15 February, 2018 11:53 PM **[recovered]**

It's hard to catch up to tough competitors because their websites are trusted by Google and lots of other websites while you are trusted by no one when you start.

The money is like a boost, you use it to market and become a known and trusted resource in your niche.

The goal is to get your keywords on the first page of Google (you're going to get barely any views from 2nd+ pages) which is going to be quite time-consuming if all competitors are giants. By that, I mean months and months. Maybe even 1+ years, not sure.

It's kind of like a game. You're a level 1 beginner trying to beat a lvl50 dude, it's not happening until you get lvl50+ yourself.

Ads, marketing, and your own products are the only ones. There's a lot of things you could do with 1 or all 3. You could create some sort of paid course, or a book, etc. while having some non-intrusive google ads on the site.

The best business model, in my opinion, is to sell your own product as you have complete control. Affiliate marketing can make money but you are at the mercy of whoever is giving you commission.

scissor_me_timbers00[S] • 1 point • 16 February, 2018 07:29 AM

Yeah I'm gonna do an ebook, possibly two. But when you say you're at the mercy of whoever is giving you commission when doing affiliate marketing, what do you mean?

I ask because some of my content may be get fairly radical (I'll be writing thru 6 or so different pseudonyms to express different viewpoints or voices, and some could get fairly polemical)— does polarizing content alienate potential affiliate marketer streams?

Btw, thx a bunch for your input man, if you have any resources to point me to that would be great. I don't want to keep hounding you for a week about all this.

I've just had a blog idea cooking in my head for a while and I feel it may be time to really build this fucker. How realistic/unrealistic is reaching $4k/month in 18 months at a pace of 30 hrs/week working on it?

[deleted] • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 09:17 AM

Get some contacts and recognition within your field by excelling at (a) certain thing(s). Then create your own consultant company providing the service in question to various companies This way you are self employed and your own boss + flexible hours

ConsumingImpulse • 1 point • 14 February, 2018 11:10 AM

Tech is probably the most cucked industry in the world, but by the same logic it's easier to stand out by not being a fag.