How to Become a Web Developer

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The following details the steps you need to take to become a web developer - this is a question I get all the time by the way … you are not alone!

1. Learn to code. You need the skills before you can sell them! Today (2014-2015) you need to learn the following technologies in this order:

    - HTML
    - CSS
    - JavaScript
    - HTML5 & CSS3
    - JQuery
    - Twitter Bootstrap
    - PHP
    - SQL & MySQL
    - Object Oriented PHP (OOP in PHP)

To be clear, you don't need to master all these before you get to step 2, 3 and so on … But you do need to see these as the ultimate goal.

… In fact, you could quickly move into step #2 once you have a good understanding of CSS and HTML under your belt. As you learn more though, you will be able to take on more jobs (simply because of the greater variety of skills you will have) and raise your pay/salary as you become more valuable and more experienced.

2. Start building your own mini projects.

3. Find 2-3 freebie clients and build their small projects.

4. Keep detailed records of the time you spend on these freebie clients:

    1. how many hours in meetings and phone conversations.

    2. how many hours actually building their sites/web apps.

    3. how many revisions you had to make.

These notes will be super fantastically valuable to you when you actually start charging clients for real. Client and project management are key to making it as a web developer as you need to be able to accurately judge how long it will take you to build projects.

5. Build your own website to showoff your work.

6. Do you need certification or a degree? Only for large companies.

7. How do you get clients? See steps 3,4, 5 and 8.
8. Join a forum and contribute questions and answers.
9. Continue to learn technology and keep up to date.
10. Learn how in detail with my Web Developer from Scratch package.

I hope you find this useful.

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