

Teaching as Learning

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How teaching can benefit you in unexpected and rewarding ways, allowing you to:

- Revisit "why" you work the way you do
- Gain the skills to mentor new and junior colleagues
- Build a community of knowledge-sharing that benefits people at all career and skill levels.

Also!

Learn how to get involved with Girl Develop It as a TA or teacher.

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About Girl Develop It

Girl Develop It is a nonprofit organization that provides affordable programs for adult women interested in learning web and software development in a judgment-free environment.

Our vision is to create a network of empowered women who feel confident in their abilities to code and build beautiful web and mobile applications. By teaching women around the world from diverse backgrounds to learn software development, we can help women improve their careers and confidence in their everyday lives.

Why Should You Join Their Ranks?

Reason #1: Revisit "why" you work the way you do

“Fielding student questions about a concept helps me to think about it from many perspectives.

This is especially fun for topics with which I'm already very familiar, and useful practice for all kinds of problem-solving in my everyday work.”

Reason #2: Gain the skills to mentor new and junior colleagues

“I can get so engrossed in my work and process that I forget how opaque it can be to people other than me. Teaching has helped me learn to slow down and talk people through my work step by step.”

Reason #3: Build a community of knowledge-sharing that benefits people at all career and skill levels

“As a teacher, I want my students to know that no matter what, keep learning. As a teacher, I also don’t know everything. I keep learning new things and trying out new things.”

Feeling Inspired? Let's practice.

Teaching Exercise

Turn to the person next to you - one becomes the teacher and one the student

Teachers: Spend the next 3 minutes teaching them something - could be anything from a tech topic to how to cook an egg or how to tie your shoes

Students: Ask questions where appropriate. Slow your teachers down if you need more information.

How Did It Go?

Teach with GDI!

How to Get Involved

- Take a class as a student or offer to TA
- Teach an already-existing class
- Write and teach a new class
- Attend our quarterly Teaching Meetup

Any Questions?

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