



Thank you, friends.

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A big **thank you** to all the people who have made supportive, motivational comments in different ways over the years. It means more than you know. I would not have kept at it without them.

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Name: Brent S. Clark

Title: Site Reliability Engineer, HomeAdvisor

Note: Sent "Thanks Award" for helping learn Linux

Robert is a very skilled programmer. His ability to come up with solutions to problems enables them to be resolved faster. I worked with him as a Systems Administrator. He was able to use his skills to automate many of the processes that made work much easier for the rest of the team. His zeal for coding prompted other team members to strengthen and/or learn programming skills.

Name: Eva Feucht

Title: Director, Park Scholarships

Congratulations! On behalf of North Carolina State University, I am pleased to announce that [your community member] has been named a Finalist for Park Scholarships, one of the most prestigious merit scholarship programs in the nation. Thanks in part to your thoughtful recommendation, our Selection Committee was able to gain valuable insight into this student's exceptional qualifications.

Name: Justine Okerson and Ann Smith

Title: Scholar Selection Team

We are pleased to inform you that [your community member] is a finalist for the Morehead-Cain, the first merit scholarship program established in the United States.

Name: Bob Theisen

Title: Network Engineering Instructor, Mitchel Community College

I just want to encourage you to keep teaching. You're gifts aren't just technical. You are making more of an impact than you know.

Rob helped me get out of retail and get work at a major software company, using modern tools and technology. Along the way, I worked on my own projects, learned how to use the linux command line like a pro, and just learned a lot in general. Rob's mentorship has definitely changed my life for the better!

Just wanted to say your website has been hugely useful to me and a few of my peers in scientific computing, who often need to use terminal but are more focused on science than coding practices.

Please keep on adding to your website. I will definitely refer my colleagues to it going forward :)

Good site you have here. It's difficult to find high quality writing like yours nowadays. I really appreciate people like you! Take care!!

Name: Ryan Brink

I want to thank you for all of the amazing information & resources that are available here on your site. It is always a pleasure when I come here and see a new blog post — even (especially) when the subject matter goes over my head — it shows how much room I have to grow.) I have been visiting your site semi-frequently throughout the year. It is amazing and encouraging to see how passionate you are about getting others to understand technology on a deeper level.

I am a web developer who did not take the traditional college path to get where I am (boot camp grad, please don't hold that against me). When I visit SkilStak I view it as being like a path of breadcrumbs leading me to the things that are important and that I should be focusing my time & effort on learning. You have my gratitude for so freely sharing such a vast amount of info, often in areas that reveal to me where my tech "blind spots" are so that I may delve deeper. My goal for 2020 is to have my personal website up & running. SkilStak has been a big inspiration on my finally putting in some work towards that goal.

Thank you for creating this amazing space for those of us who would otherwise have never met you in person. Keep up the incredible work!

PS - You may recall that we had a brief Twitter exchange several months ago. I have been learning to do more on the terminal than ever before, but I am still hoping for and looking forward to an eventual Terminal Master course! Until then I will be following the book you recommend here (Learning the Linux Command Line, complete with Bash v4 - I installed Ubuntu last week and I can't wait to become a true terminal master!)

Name: Alastair

Hi there. Just read you bad parent blog piece. You lost skilstak in your medium/twitter handle so I thought I'd see what it is. Broken by the looks of it. Good in you for becoming an educator. It's not easy but I hope it's rewarding.

Hi Rob - No reason for my email other than to say thank you for everything you do for [our son]! He absolutely loves coding and his hour with you is his favorite of the week. He spends his free time working through the problems you help him come up with and he knows what he wants to do with his life. We are so happy he has found something he loves and just wanted to say thanks!"

Name: Gabe Miller

I have been with SkilStak for about 6 years now and it has been one of the most valuable and impactful experiences in my life. I feel that Mr. Rob has trained me extremely well and I feel prepared for my future in programming and engineering. Mr. Rob has done so many things for me over the years and caused me to get a extremely valuable payed internship before I even finished High School, not to mention multiple job offers with 6 digit salaries. I highly recommend SkilStak for anyone who is interested in programming and wants to be prepared for a career in programming and technology. It has been more valuable than any other school of any kind that I have been to. Mr. Rob and SkilStak taught me so much and prepared me for even more. I wouldn't trade my experience there for anything in the world.

Rob, you referred Gabe Miller to us last year at ... he's been amazing!

Thank you so much for introducing me to coding! I have learned so much. I love being able to create something anyone can enjoy. I hope to see you in the Fall!"

I just wanted to let you know that [my son] has really been enjoying camp this week. He talks non-stop about it when he gets home. He's so excited about what he's doing!! He just told me this has been the best camp ever because they are learning and then get to play with what what they learned. ☐

Name: Mary Muchane

Mur and I really, really believe in what Skilstak is about and what you are doing and have done for dozens of young boys and girls. Beyond the coding and the career preparation, Skilstak provides a 'place' for them and gives them the courage to wear their nerd badges proudly. I don't think it's hyperbole to say that the impact of Skilstak will last throughout their lives regardless of the trajectory each takes.

Name: Jennifer Miller

My son attended the Minecraft camp today and is hooked! He is registered for a coding class now every week! He just keeps thanking us for finding this 'cool' place! I highly recommend for kids who love technology and want to learn more!

Name: Bella

I have enjoyed my time learning at Skilstak! My favorite thing is that we are always changing and learning the newest available material for web development. Most of my girl friends don't like to talk about code, but it is because they don't understand it. I have found other coding girls at Skilstak, I enjoy figuring out assignments together with them and also working at my own pace.

Name: Joni Dunn

Rob does a fantastic job of engaging and teaching the kids without them even knowing they're learning. :) We'll be repeat customers every time my grandson comes for a visit!

Name: Dena Miller

My son has been attending SkilStak for almost four years now. He started out in Code and Play and has progressed to Pro, gaining invaluable coding skills and knowledge every step of the way! In addition to classes, he has served as a TA or teacher's assistant and aspires to be an instructor as his part-time job during his high school years. He has not only learned several coding languages, but has acquired a valuable work ethic and sense of community and active citizenship. I have no doubt, that he truly has discovered his lifelong passion and career path while attending classes at SkilStak. I am extremely grateful to Rob for providing my son with his incredible coding abilities and life skills, and more importantly, for serving as a mentor and positive male role model to an impressionable teenager! I would wholeheartedly recommend the SkilStak program as an extracurricular activity to any future coders and their parents!

Name: Sandy M.

Our quiet, unexcitable 11 year old son has been taking classes with Rob and his crew at Skilstak going on 3 1/2 years. These classes are a challenge that school can not provide. He says that they are just fun and he likes creating on the computer. But we see much more! We have seen him become more creative and analytical, confident, independent, and self-sufficient. Mr. Rob has opened his eyes to future job possibilities and the importance of professionalism and good character. As well as legitimate computer programming instruction. He can't wait to go to the classes! These classes are more than standard 'summer camp' computer classes. Students are expected to actually learn different languages and create programs. They will get certified at their own pace. And the classes are challenging. We highly recommend Skilstak to anyone wanting to do more than 'play on a computer'.

Name: savagebananasoup

I've been a 'software developer' (whatever that means) for a couple of years, been using Linux as a hobbyist for 10 years and I'm learning loads from this guy.

Name: qmacro99

rwprob's influence is all over my dotfiles now, bound into the way I work.

Name: Andriy Lapitsky

Wanted to let you know I watched the 0-3 days [Beginner Boost] and I liked what you had to say it's like you were speaking to my soul ☺

Name: Lio Makki

Not everybody can recognize the value of Rob's content only the intelligent people do.

Name: Zer0CoolAZ

Just wanted to reach out and say thank you for the environment that you've fostered thus far, it's always exciting to learn from someone so versed. Your playlist selection has also been a live saver for many early morning starts where dousing fires was needed and sanity was slipping.

Name: Randy

Hey Rob, I'm a fairly new viewer and wanted to say thank you for the work you are doing to build your knowledge tools and the community around it. But also for the free conversations and teachings you are providing on YouTube. I agree 100% with your comments about Facebook and Google and think your knowledge projects are fascinating. But I also identify with your recent wisdom about mentoring and teaching. I am 45 years old, graduated with a CS degree in 2002, but because of various reasons I did not do well in college and didn't pursue programming until about 6 years ago. Through that pursuit I found a job which lead to a second job which had me working on projects with zero documentation with languages I did not know. I struggled but eventually figured out what I needed to get the work done, fix bugs, and add features. That was until I burned out February of last year. Since then I've been on my own path of self learning and healing. So when I first heard you talk about what an autodidact was I realized that I've already been doing that because I've had too. And that I am being one now. Your conversations about all this has given me context and validation. So once again thank you for putting all this out there for people like me to see.

Name: rossim2i2

This is such a small and trivial piece of code, but the amount I've learned has been invaluable. Especially the feedback you've taken the time to provide. [After woring on [isosec](#).]

Name: iambrockvond

I am catching up with the Boosts on 2x. Not a beginner but it's filling in tons of gaps. Wanted to say thank you for this. Excited to catch up to live.

Name: Mitchell Hynes

Just watched your AMA comparing Rust hype to Node hype and as a Rustacean of 2 years I couldn't agree more. It convinced me to not put all my eggs in one basket and write more Go+C. Love your videos.

Name: zbrow

Rob could do a video on addition and subtraction and I'd still find something to learn.

Name: jaysega

You know what's funny, after joining this stream just a few days ago, I removed 95%+ of my twitch subs, and 99% of my youtube subs. Signal to Noise ratio is real, made me realize how much noise I was letting in. There are some true gurus I've also unsubbed just because, right now I have to admit I cannot benefit from all of them. It's not their fault they are just putting themselves out there. But it's the rare few who are guru-ish status who also can speak to newbs like myself.

Name: almrotation

I've only been here for about an hour and you've literally broken the mental barrier in my head telling me I cant do this on my own thank you for the wisdom and motivation.

Name: lattjorr

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Name: cradersec

I stumbled across your 2021 boost repo and I really appreciate the way of thinking that you are promoting. I think it is rare in the current time to have people advocating for critical thinking. Keep up the good work.

Name: ind1emonk3y

I explained the very basic of what I learned from your Boost on docker to friend telling him, I can explain you in less than 10minutes.... In the end, we played for one hour and he was amazed by containers!

Name: ChOk008_

I thought i knew shellsript until i came across @rwxrob streams :) It's been really entertaining to

"relearn" it with his examples.

Name: goobus_maximus

Yeah, I know this is a coding channel! Your Youtube vids have really helped me - I'm nearly through an interview process for an MLOps role & your content is a meaningful part of my success.

Name: adykaa

man, I should watch you more, you are motivating as fuck

Name: KonQuesting

Becoming a "terminal native" has put me way ahead in that Amazon training program I'm doing. Other people in there are network engineers, Java developers, and they all think I'm hot shit. So rob's knowledge has definitely been a great boon to me. And this community is stacked with amazing people.

Name: qt_pi3

I feel like I've entered a new chapter in my life. I was living in BRE (before rwxrob era) now im in RE (rwx rob era).

Name: narendev

Glad to be here , crunching through your beginner boost vids. They are great as I learn more and more Linux in just few hours than stacking up bunch of linux related books.

Name: awptakesnoskill

idk why but watching rob helps me focus

Name: cronto82

This is best channel on Twitch

Name: stitchedd

The beginner boost is the reason I started using Linux. I cant imagine going back.

Name: HeavyDrinker90210

When considering "Standing on the shoulders of giants"; you are one of this giants. o7 sir.

Name: KennethNichol

Your scripts are artisan level.

Name: archification

Hello sir rob. Not sure if you feel like reading or responding to chat right now but I just wanted to thank you. You don't know it but you helped me through a few dark times in my life. I'm starting my first job in 10 years 2 hours from now. From nothing to database admin.

Name: thed2

guys, fyi the beginner boosts that rob is doing are really helpful, got my knowledge and first job in cybersecurity with his boosts :)

Name: CuriousE1k

I've learned a lot from you even though i'm here infrequently. It's helped me greatly in my career as a SDET and advancing my knowledge and i'm going to be continuing it and the self education as a result. You helped me not give up. So thank you.

Name: miluba86

I'm in health it so I am behind 5 to 10 years technology wise... do still doing java and angular... but cloud movement change this radically... we need k8s so questions arise... why JVM in Containers... why so much ram consumption... so I started learning go got good advice in here... so thank you Rob and community for your help!

Name: be1ancour

I need to tell you I copy some stuff from your Workspace container and make my own personalized. Still is in progress I will use it for Java development I want to express my gratitude for real these videos of beginner boost helped me a lot.

Name: KonQuesting

I just got a job offer for the most money I've ever made in my life. Never worked in IT before, only FOSS experience. I owe you for giving me the confidence to believe I could be "enterprise ready" with strong fundamentals, and cover my knowledge gaps as an autodidact.

Name: ohyounaasty

hey there, stumbled across your youtube a while ago and it inspired me to remove all my text editors and just use vim all the time (something i've been meaning to do for 10+ years) - just wanted to thank you, it's been transformative, really

Name: ghost_steve

Hey Rob I see your busy, just wanted to say thank you for these streams got me a job as Infrastructure eng.

Name: youaresourcecode

I personally think Rob is best example of what's programming means... I imagine unix core creators designing and programming unix operating system kind of like Rob shows us in his streams. Keep it up Rob!!!!

Name: rwxLethalz

Cause of rob ive gotten a job as a network tech making 25 hr just a start but it helps.

Name: Wxaaz

im from africa and a company in europe accepted me , my life probably gonna change , but without the fuel i've once, i would never sacrifice this far, so thank you so much

Name: qaerst

I've literally built out my future career path on your advice , and it helped me immensely. If you're ever in the EU , beer is on me.

Name: rwillex

I just want to share with you that I got a "devops" job. Thank you so much for all the help, and also the beginner boost helped me a lot.

Name: IMExploder

I got my first k&s job last week, partly because of you.

Name: oppp20039

What I like most about Rob is that he is not a nerd. I can't stand nerds and never been able to be friend with one but this is one of the few channels where a human is actually streaming. Maybe because you talk about your life, maybe because you have strong opinions, maybe because you understand life and things outside of coding.

Name: approachsloth

Rob is going to make a new standard I swear.

I wouldn't have even gotten into vim and shell scripts if not for the content I found through this stream.

Name: flipmybit

Yo I just started Ashtanga yoga after seeing it here and I am loving it so far.

Name: rossim2i2

I used everything I learned here to write a Windows script (basically wrote it in Bash and retrim it to Windows Script) to solve an issue at work. Not only did it impress my new boss (our CIO), but also saved 5-10k in outsourced dev costs.

Name: GamingDizzyfly

I somehow landed a "cloud consultant" role. I have to thank u profusely for ur content and for inspiring me.

Name: touch_beans

I got a job directly out of HS pretty much due to what I've learned from you. Not only that, but you helped me build a lifelong passion purely by showing me what a passionate programmer is and what makes programming exciting. For that, thank you.

Name: alonsete14

just want to say I have found a job as backend dev with Go, your streaming has motivated me a lot, thanks Rob!

Name: anonymous

You've changed my life man, even though i'm just some pixels on your monitor that sometimes pops up. Couple months ago I was puking due to working 18 hour days for big oil, being so stressed that my hair turned grey at my early 20's. Now I am able to send my mother on a nice vacation and take care of my family :)

Name: Dorinpedala

Hi there Rob, I am a sysadmin from Romania, finally I get to thank you for the Beginner Boost you've done in 2020! Thanks to you I landed the job of my life and got to play with a lot tone of awesome tech!

Name: Himthecool21

Whenever I watch your stream I get soo productive.

Name: desire_nothing

Hello rwxrob, how are you? First of all, thank you for all the beginner boosts, you are the hero that we wanted and needed. Sincerely, thank you. I wanted to ask because I am starting the previous year BB with docker, you mention wsl2, but is it possible to set it up with git bash? Thank you in advance and please keep being so awesome, you are changing our lives for the better! I can't thank you enough and you have no idea how much I respect you for what you do for us - the community. A pure gem and I am happy that I discovered your channel so early in my dev career. Keep up being awesome!

Name: ChadWickTC

Fun fact. You helped me land a job as a Cloud Linux Engineer. I start Dec 1st.

Name: ping_ochio

Rob is an artist from the IT world, his room is his atelier, the keyboard is his color palette, the terminal is his canvas, Twitch, Youtube and github are his exhibition galleries. Kappa

Name: Carson

hey rob, this is your former student carson here if you happen to remember me. trouble falling asleep right now and I was just thinking about all those years I disliked you after you 'kicked me out' when you downsized to private lessons, but I never have really appreciated the gift you gave me until right about now. This funky english with all sorts of weird symbols is soemthing not a lot of people are capable of grasping, and yet you made it so easy and I never really ever got to thank you

Name: sstichedd

Every time I see you reference Zet, I smile. Your stream is the reason I started using Linux 3 years ago. That is the time USING computers started making sense to me. I am now starting my first tech related job at 40 years old. When I started using vim to manipulate code, and saw how it connected seamlessly with Linux, It changed everything for me. No college degree, no education to speak of, but I got hired on for the city of San Diego, CA as a data entry specialist simply because of the skills I learned. Most of those skills learned here, haha

Name: x_sharkuni_x

You are a great teacher with a soothing voice full of knowledge.

Name: illusion4u

Hey, Rob. How are you? Just dropping by to let you know, I'm employed. I start tomorrow morning. You have been truly helpful for me. See you, have a good hacking session

Name: Kano_steam

I was able to land a full time junior position with no degree because of you. Thank you for everything you do.

Name: AntNem_

I just want to say thank you @rwxrob for being a positive influence in my life <3

Name: adrnlnJnky

I want to share. I took your Linux class in 2020 during the Covid lockdown. I took your course then, from there I learned Go, then randomly Elixir and now I have a job as a developer. That course your did for free was the jump point that got me moving forward with traction...

Name: Dizzyfly

Hi Rob! I hope all is well. I landed and kept my job thanks to your 2021 boost series on YouTube.

Name: Anyascii

They haven't invented a title yet for the type of influencer you are.

Name: Alex

Not sure if you remember me. I was at SkilStaks when it was in Cornelius around when I was in middle school or something and just wanted to thank you for all your teaching as now I'm a Freshman at UNC Charlotte and I was able to use what I learned all the way back then with Python to actually be able to test out of one of my classes.

Name: eganathan_r

These are your contents and you have all the right to restrict it, but i myself randomly stumbled upon you from Youtube and since then it had made a huge impact on me, i am currently employed without any school or certifications, it might sound silly but i couldn't go due to family situations so i had to work, as 60% of well educated Indians are unemployed here i am working an amazing company thanks to you and many other great individuals. just wanted to say this before i go.

Name: DefnotFreddie

Thank you very much for showing me filtering it makes workflow real smooth I don't need most of Neovim plugins any more also now I want to do and accomplish so I can be even faster in terminal. I think more people should know it.

Name: kraalle

...also wanted to mention (should have mentioned 7 months ago). I went from a 40k/year miserable job to 6 figure job because of the content you create. I am rather happy now. Fulfilling job and has allowed me to do more with my life.
