

STARTING A TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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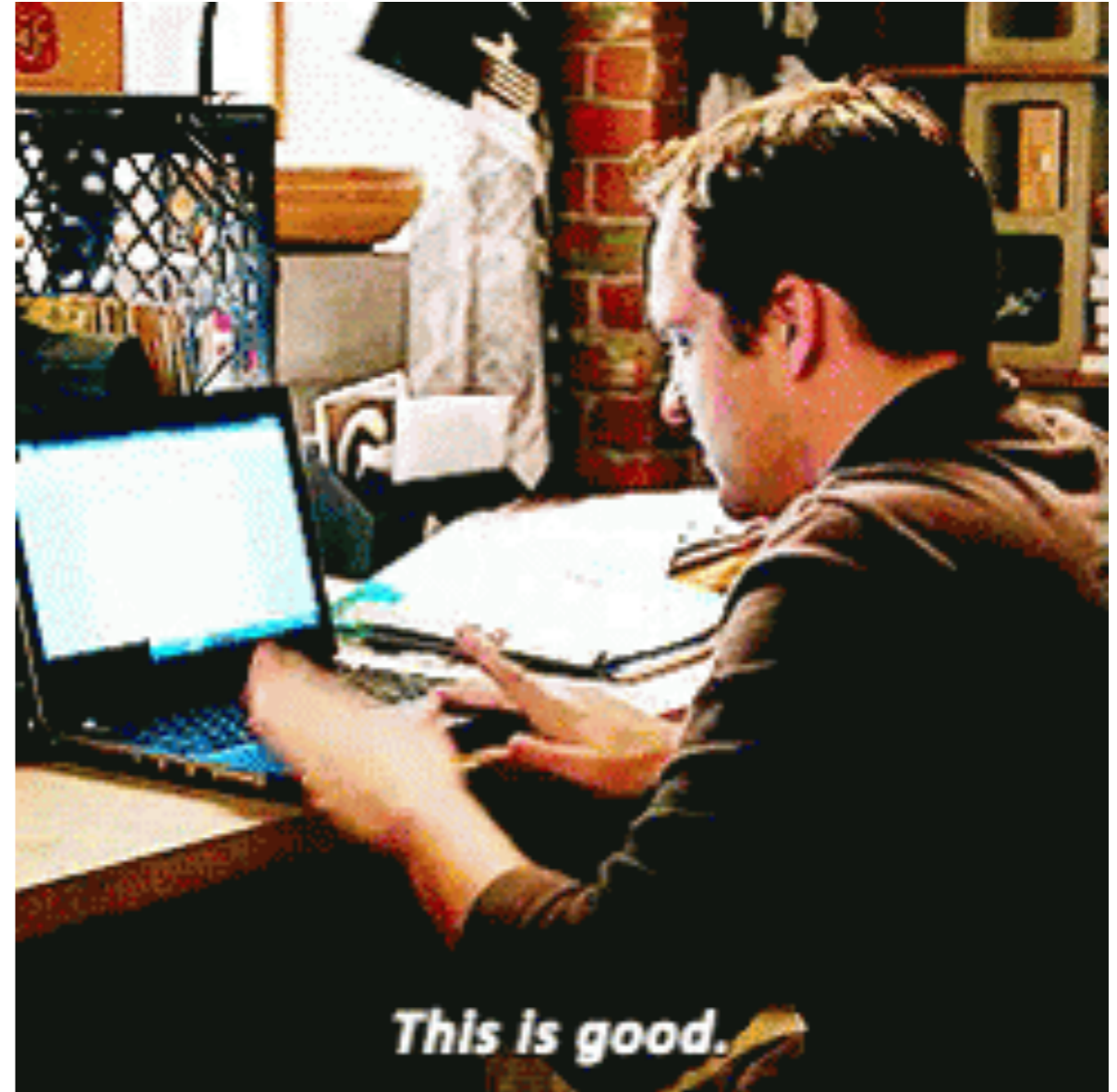
Wikimedia Movement

This is how I code



when I am in the zone.

Geek Humor (<http://bit.ly/UBpNvV>)



This is good.

Why the Education Program?

- Win + Win situation for students and lecturers
- Introduction to a new audience for the WM Education Program
- Leading the way for practical and interactive learning
- MediaWiki gets more hands to improve the core of our Wikis/software
- The Wikimedia Movement Benefits

Has this worked before?

- The program has worked unofficially with schools
- Our major beneficiaries are students
- Students are encouraged because this is a trade for practical knowledge
- Created opportunities (exposure, jobs, etc.)



How can we do this?

- Find an interested university with a computer science department or equivalent
- Coordinate with the Technical Engagement Team at the WMF for tasks
- Coordinate with the lecture to provide the tasks as in-class assignments
- Coordinate with the Technical Engagement Team to provide feedback on the students contributions

Education Program + Developers

- Technical support for local communities
- Sustained Wikimedia communities (Bots, tools, etc.)
- Increased participation in community wish-list and broader technical support for movement tech priorities
- Awareness of Wikimedia technical initiatives and projects
- Increase knowledge about open source softwares for computer science students
- Exposure to a global community of developers made up of professionals and experienced developers
- Opportunities in international projects such as outreach, google code in, GSoC, etc.





Thank you!