



ME

Not learning  **elixir**

And how you can do better



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My Elixir Status

First contact: Jan 2016

Skill Level: „Hello World“

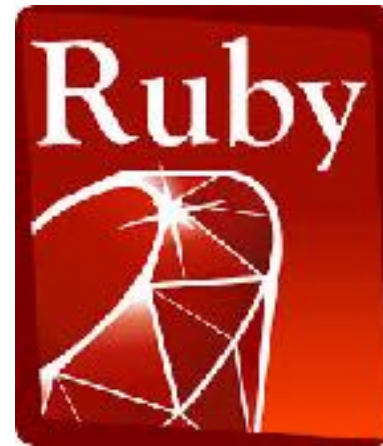
Since 1996

Admin - Developer - Manager



And Keyboards





Languages I used professionally

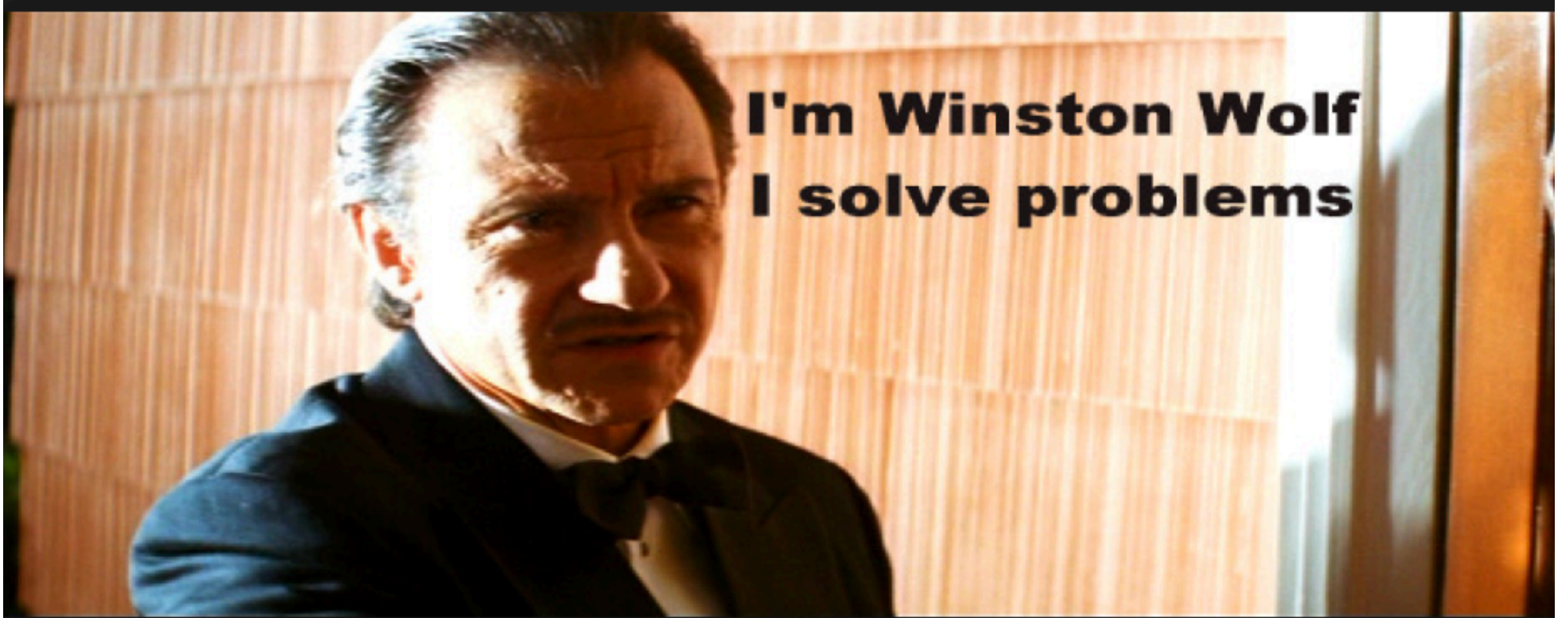


Delphi



So - I'm an engineer!

NOPE



I'm Winston Wolf
I solve problems

So - I'm an engineering Manager

I solve problems

Finally:

7 Reasons, why I didn't learn elixir
by now

and what you can do better

I.
It's not my Job!

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I write Emails

I help people to
be good in their
Job

I. It's not my Job! **WHAT TO DO**

If coding (in elixir) is not your main Job, **find** yourself **some time** for learning.

If **work** related – **talk** to your **manager**

Otherwise **find** some **free time** outside your Job. (less TV, gaming, ...)

II.

I don't have a pet project

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Coding Katas are
just boring

I don't have a
need to solve a
problem

II. I don't have a pet project **WHAT TO DO**

Find yourself **something**, **you** really **want** to develop and keep maintaining it.

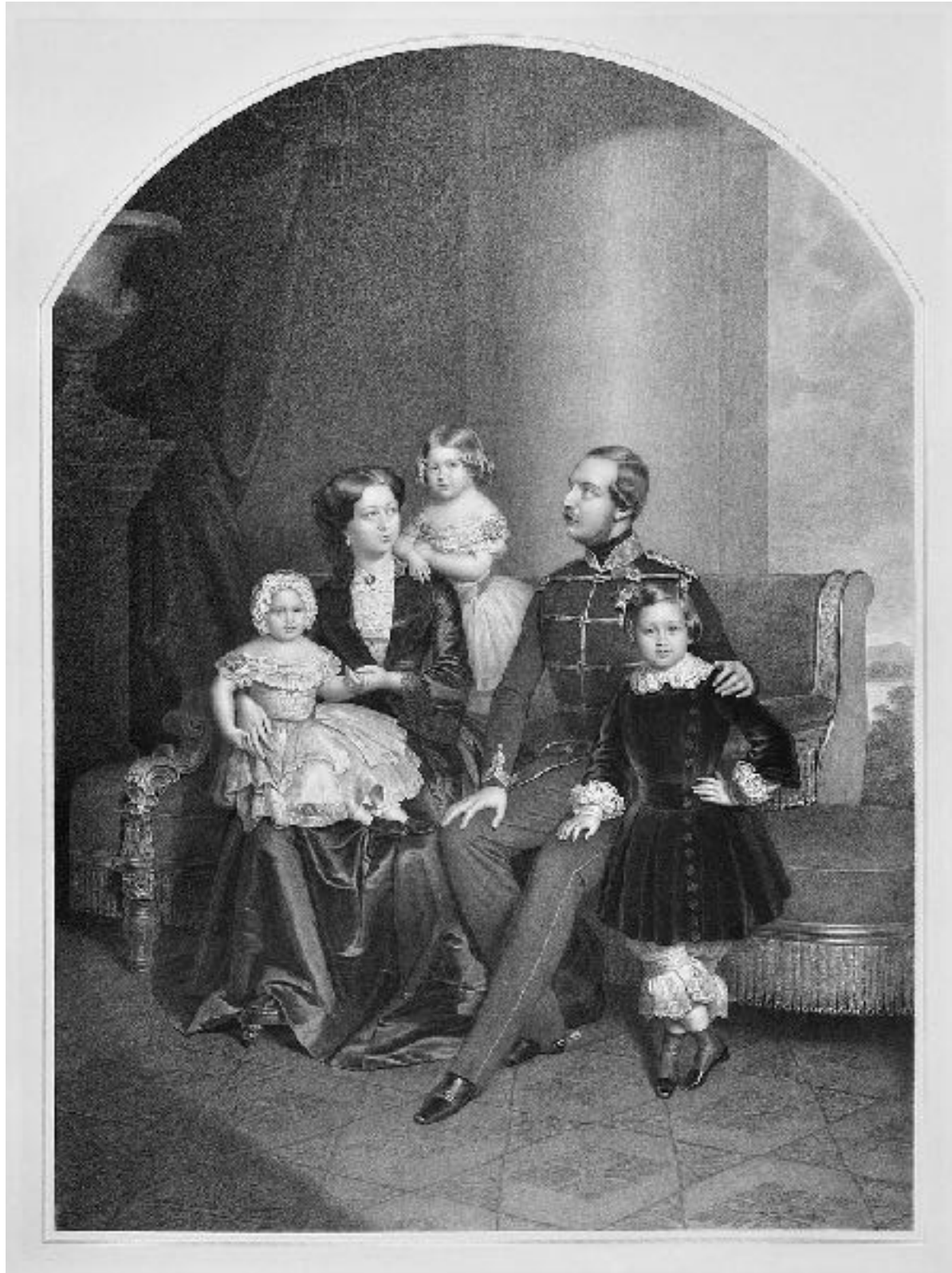
e.g. Write a Blog-Engine for your School, Write a Shopping List app

Find **something**, that **solves your problem!**

III.

I have a family life

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I have two little kids.

My remaining time is from 20-23h, when ignoring my wife.

III. I have a family life **WHAT TO DO**

Tell your family, that **it's important** for you **to spend** the **time** at the computer.

Make **plans**, when it's ok **to be coding**.

Ensure, that there is still **time for your family**.

IV.

No good workspace

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I had no desk
until December

My workspace was
the couch or
kitchen table

IV. No good workspace **WHAT TO DO**

Make sure, you have an **accessible** workspace **all the time**.

Avoid temporary places or sitting on the **couch**, while listening to the **TV**.

If you want to spend 10 minutes with learning, **the workspace should be ready**.

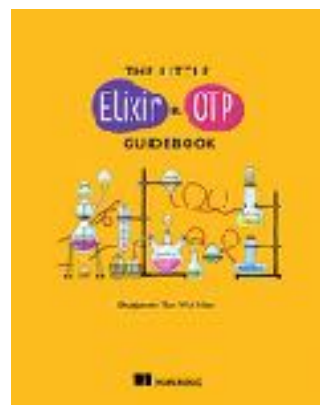
V.

Theory vs. practice

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I have all these books and read a few completely.



I'm doing the udemy course.



I'm watching many talks.

I do not practice

V. Theory vs. practice **WHAT TO DO**

Build a **prioritised stack** of books to read. **Don't read** those books in **parallel**.

Actively implement the examples in the books.

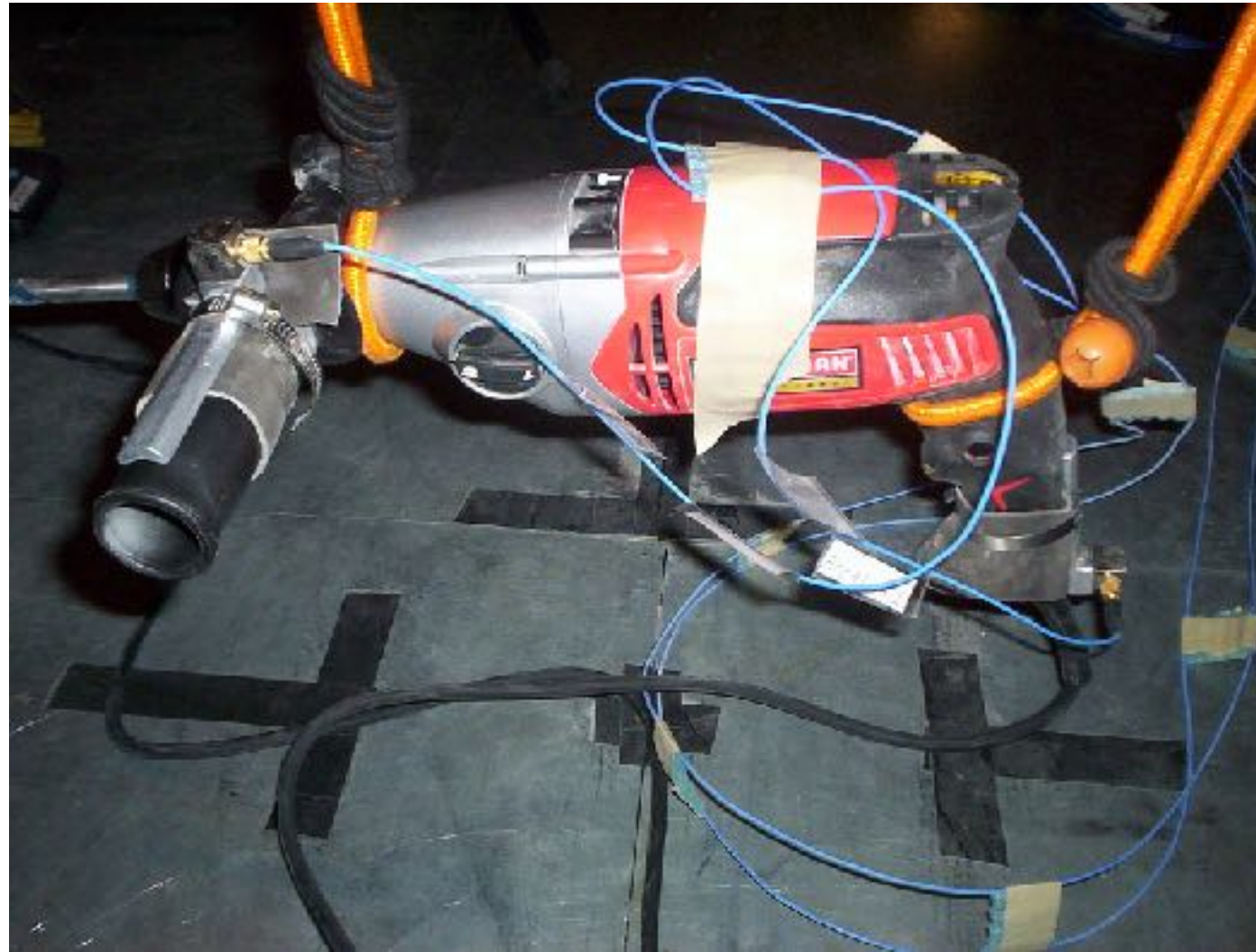
Train your muscle memory.

Do useful **Katas**, e.g. user login form, consume json API, etc ..

VI.

Know your tools

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I had to setup an environment for development

I had to get used to the editor, database, terminal, window manager, ...

VI. Know your tools **WHAT TO DO**

Don't try to **master everything** at once.

Get better at the tools, **while** using them when **learning elixir**.

Avoid to **become** an **expert** in **vim**, learn **tmux**, become a **Postgres DBA** and in parallel **learn elixir**.

VII.

Twitter is THE WORST!

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I follow
interesting people,
who tweet
interesting posts

Oh, contexts ...

Oh, GraphQL ...

Oh, umbrella Apps ...

And ... you're out of
time

VII. Twitter is THE WORST! **WHAT TO DO**

Learn the **language** in the **first** step

When you are **proficient** in elixir,
look, where to **improve**

If you **need** an **answer** to a question,
look for it, **when** you **need** it, not in
advance

Regulate the **time** spend on **twitter** or
do a **twitter detox**

So why am I still learning
elixir?

ElixirConf EU 

elixir  forum

Great Community
Great Conferences
Great Learning Resources



And YOU!

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Thank You!

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