Feedback about

Abhay's Teaching,

Mentoring,

and Books

YEAR 2024:

Sonika Tayade

You

Pickle ball with baba!



yayayaya

12:14 PM

hi baba 12:14 PM

abhay kaka changed my life when he taught us scratch ngl

Edited 12:14 PM

wait he literally changed the trajectory of my whole life I was gonna be a doctor before him bro

12:14 PM

thank god for him ____



he actually made me like coding

12:17 PM

and I still remmeber when he told us "write just small segments of code and test often" 12:17 PM

me use that even now 12:17 PM

he cooked ngl 12:17 PM

I HATED HATED coding sooo much



Hi Abhay,

Awesome to see that you will be coming back for your 5th year in MinT and have been with us since the very beginning during the height of the pandemic in 2020. Really appreciate you taking the time out yet again for your students and going above and beyond.

Thank you for helping Scarlett, Darrien, Thanh, Krishna, Xavier, Nathan, Kyle, Karen, Parul, and Baris get on the right path for their careers through your mentorship.

So amazing to see Scarlett at PwC in cybersecurity, Krishna is a SDET at Samsung, Xavier is a support engineer, Nathan is a SDE at Amazon, and Baris just started his SDE role at Jefferies. What a huge impact you made!

If you haven't already, would really appreciate it if you could repost with your experience and otherwise engage do all the social media things for our call for mentors: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/mentors-in-tech_mentorship-mentoringprogram-volunteering-activity-7231408786626723840-08II.

Also please do introduce us to folks in your personal or social network who might be interested! Or we'd be happy to do a presentation or brownbag for your org.

We will be sending out a quick returning mentor training on the refreshed elements of the program later in the Fall. Once again, thank you and look forward to another great year.

Kevin Wang | Founder, Mentors in Tech
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Year 2023:

MIT Scratch page: 17 May 2023





I read your book when I was new to scratch and it's helped teach me lots of new things. 2 years later and I've learnt to make so much more. Thank you.

Email from TEALS teacher at Peninsula High School



Hirai, Sarah < hirais@psd401.net > To: abhaybindujoshi@gmail.com



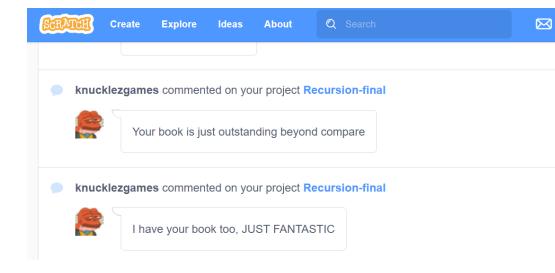
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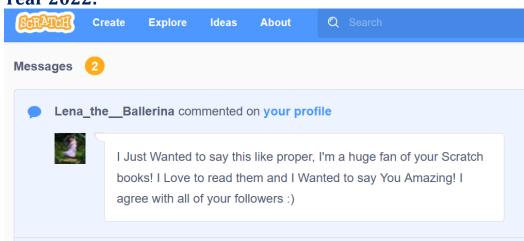
Abhay,

As I take some time to reflect before Spring Break, I wanted to take the time to thank you for all your hard work this year. I am so appreciative of you taking control of much of the teaching this & last semester. I appreciated the thought you put into your lessons & examples as well as how willing you were to collaborate to make changes that were better for students. Your insight into how the students would best process the information was invaluable & I will take your suggestions with me the next time I teach this course. I had a really positive experience in my first year of teaching computer science & your knowledge, hard work, & kindness were a huge part of that! I wish you the best in whatever classroom you volunteer with next & hope that you enjoyed your time helping the students at PHS!

Sarah Hirai NBCT Math & Computer Science Teacher Peninsula HS hirais@psd401.net



Year 2022:





-LegendGaming-

Your books really helped me code, I got it as a christmas present. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and helping me + others =)

about a year ago Reply



caketoes234

I read your book! The projects are really cool

about a year ago Reply



abhayjoshi

@caketoes234 Thanks!:)

about a year ago Reply



discodave19

Hey! That amazing book 'Advanced Scratch Programming' is really good! about a year ago Reply

Year 2021:



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Q000000

Hey, I'm here from your book, I learned and had a lot of great experience from it. I did all the projects and what interested me most was the designs. I am currently working on a space-battle game. I released the first version of it just now, and it's not very good, it's really simple. But I'll be trying to add more updates to it. Check it out! https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/447795542/ Thanks :D



Yeet Devs

I am here from the book, found it very informative and really inspired me to make better projects. Definitely one of the best purchases I have made. :D

Year 2020:





sharanyeah123

Hello! I have your book, Advanced Scratch Programming! It is a very great book, thank you for writing it! May I ask you for any help tips if I am in need of them? Thank you!

3 years ago Reply

Email from Ankan B. Kolkata, India

Ankan Tilak <ankan.tilak@outlook.com>

Abhay Joshi (Y) To:

From: Cc: Subject:

RE: Request to purchase Advanced Scratch Programming book

From: Ankan Tilak [mailto:ankan.tilak@outlook.com]

Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:18 AM

To: Abhay Joshi (Y)

Subject: RE: Request to purchase Advanced Scratch Programming book

Dear Mr. Joshi.

Understood. And thank you very much for your kind guidance. The document is very insightful.

If you write more books in future, please do let me know. Connecting with you has been an absolute pleasure and great learning experience.

Regards,

Ankan Bhattacharya

Email from Emilie Barnard, Regional Manager, TEALS.org

From: Emilie Barnard [mailto:emilie@tealsk12.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:01 PM
To: abjoshi@yahoo.com
Cc: Rachel Huang

Subject: TEALS Summer Training Panelist Opportunity

Hi Abhay.

I hope this email finds you well!

Our final TEALS summer training sessions are just around the corner! As you are likely aware, one integral segment of this session is a panel of TEALS volunteers and teachers who answer questions, offer advice, and cool nerves for our new volunteers and classroom teachers before the start of classes

We think you would bring a great perspective to the session and would like to invite you to be on our panel for the Thursday, August 20th training session taking place virtually (on Newrow) from 6:00-8:30pm. I personally nominated you, knowing how awesome your support has been for Marchel at Easton and her students. I know you've also helped with Chelan High School, and I think it would be great to have somene on the panel who can speak from many perspectives.

Please let me know if you're available and interested in participating as a panelist for this training by August 5th.

Thank you,

Emilie Barnard (she/her)

Emilie@tealsk12.org

Regional Manager, Pacific Northwest | TEKsystems, Inc.

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Email from Emilie Barnard, Regional Manager, TEALS.org

From: Emilie Barnard <emilie@tealsk12.org> Sent: Tue 3/17/2020 12:51

To: allenbaughm@easton.wednet.edu; abjoshi@yahoo.com; jon.kerlinger@gmail.com; rlingineni@live.com

Cc: bechtholdtd@easton.wednet.edu; dehuffp@easton.wednet.edu

Subject: Easton TEALS Class Observation

Hello Easton TEALS Team,

I hope this email finds you well, especially with respect to current events.

I really enjoyed visiting your class remotely! Thanks so much for welcoming and hosting me recently.

A few highlights and callouts from the visit:

- At the start of the class, Abhay shared how he would tackle the project. I loved this approach as it gives the students an idea of how
 you'd approach it with distinct, understandable steps. It also shows that the volunteers take time outside of class to prepare. Thank
 you for your dedication!
- I realize bandwidth may be an issue, but I recommend volunteers and students have their webcams on if possible to ensure even better engagement and connections. A suggestion: If you're not sure about something when helping a student, a good "trick" is to

Year 2019:

Email from Emilie Barnard, Regional Manager, TEALS.org

Easton TEALS Class Observation



Hello Easton TEALS Team,

I enjoyed visiting your class remotely yesterday. Thank you for welcoming and hosting me!

A few highlights from the observation:

- Abhay, I like your approach to the terminology you first introduced the idea of inputs then made
 callouts to arguments and parameters. I think this is good for the students to understand the
 concept first before having a bunch of terminology thrown at them.
- · Students seem pretty responsive and many responded to Abhay's questions over the mic. That

Email from Mary Gorman, New Zealand

Advanced Scratch Programming





Dear Abhay

I live in New Zealand and I am very interested in getting a copy of:

Advanced Scratch Programming: Learn to design programs for challenging games, puzzles, and animations

I've had a look at the sample on Amazon and I absolutely love some of the articles you've written around computational thinking and children. I've been teaching digital technology to 11-12 year olds, but not nearly well enough. I've just been keeping one week ahead of the students. I'd love to get a bit further ahead over our summer break (in New Zealand) by working through your book.

Is it possible to get a print copy (colour) sent to New Zealand. I see it's offered for Kindle, but I find it is much easier to work from a print copy and with colour for Scratch. Alternatively, I could purchase I'd love to hear from you.

Love your writing! Thank you.

Warm best wishes

Mary

Email from Abhinav Bhardwaj, Bangalore

Abhinav.Bhardwaj@maersk.com

Hello Sir,

I chanced upon your excellent website while searching for a Scratch text book. You have done a tremendously good work in this space and am overwhelmed to see so much authentic content in one place.

. . .

I devoured all of your papers on "power of programming" section and they are simply the best essays I have read so far. There is so much hype and gimmick on the internet around this whole subject of "coding for kids" that your papers simply cuts through all the BS and provides a very clear path. So much so that I now feel slightly embarrassed to have conducted hour of code with lot of zeal and enthusiasm lately.

. . .

Sorry to have you burdened with my long questions, but unfortunately I didn't find even a single person who could answer these questions of mine. It is said in Indian spiritual tradition, that once the seeking becomes unbearable then a Guru presents himself! So I hope to have finally found a right mentor in you. I would definitely like to meet you in person if you come to India sometime. I am based out of Bangalore, but can travel to Pune if you could spare some time, else if you visit Bangalore by any chance I would be happy to host you.

Year 2018:

Postcard	chelan High School, WA, USA CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL 215 W WEBSTER AVE CHELAN, WA 98816 Dear Abhay Thank you very much for taking time out of your day to teach us. Specifically, thank you for working on Projects with me. Sincerely, Ruby
	CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL 215 W WEBSTER AVE CHELAN, WA 98B16 Dear Abhay, Thank you for donating all your time and few being we eager to help us tearn to love computer science. Your powerpoints & explanations were perfect & really helped me better understand cooling. I had so much for learning from you & in very said this closs ment too fast. Manks for enrything! sincercly, Amberly
	CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL 215 W WEBSTER AVE CHELAN, WA 99816 Thank you Abday for all that that was offered and thank you for all the time that was taken out of your day for our benefit, one thing I highly appreciate is when things had to be explained more than once and how It was done without any bese tation. Sinierely, Dadia