

Feedback about Abhay's teaching and books

Year 2020:

Email from Emilie Barnard, Regional Manager, TEALS.org

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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

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Thu 11/14/2019 10:21 AM

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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




Mary Gorman <marygorman_2003@yahoo.com.au>

To abjoshi@yahoo.com

Fri 11/29

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 You replied to this message on 11/29/2019 6:33 PM.

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.

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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.

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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:

Postcards from Students of Chelan High School, WA, USA

CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL
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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
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Dear Abhay,
Thank you for donating all
your time and for being
so eager to help us learn
& love computer science.
Your powerpoints & explanations
were perfect & really helped
me better understand coding. I
had so much fun learning from
you & I'm very sad this class went
too fast. Thanks for everything!
Sincerely, Amberly



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215 W WEBSTER AVE
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Thank you Abhay, 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
hesitation. Sincerely, Nadia

