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**From:** Chris Riesbeck <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 25, 2014 11:19:58 AM EDT  
**To:** roger schank <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Hana Schank <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re:

he'll still hate it, I predict

he doesn't like the static pages (I agree there), he doesn't like being on the job (which makes sense, it's not his goal to be there)

he'll still object to the use of books

he'll hate the real but simple tasks he starts on with Java for Android. and does he have an Android phone? if not, he'll object to it not be iPhone with Objective-C

On Fri, Apr 25, 2014 at 10:08 AM, roger schank <[REDACTED]> wrote:

dont think you should do this

can we start him on app development?

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**From:** Chris Riesbeck <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** April 25, 2014 10:28:13 AM EDT  
**To:** roger schank <[REDACTED]>  
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I'm not surprised. All the points you're making are right but his gut feeling isn't going to change. A web page is a web page. Adding a video here and there doesn't make it feel like a simulation.

I think the web page has the right stuff -- emails with tasks, behind-the-task support, general resources, and a place to submit work -- but it doesn't feel like a simulation because it's all there all at once. There's no "ready to start? - yes - bing! you've got mail!" to both focus attention and introduce the sense of action.

I think we can do better without a lot of work. Maybe in Hana's revamp Hana? I can help but not full time. I have 2 classes starting this week, in software development, with a lot of mentoring.

New design (old content):

- When you, a student, first start a task, all you see is a mentor box asking "are you ready?"
- You click yes. Your simulated in-box appears, then bing! new email arrives.
- You open and read the email. You click Acknowledge.
- A mentor box appears. It briefly summarizes the tasks. You click "I got it."
  - Later, we should add "I got questions"
- The mentor box now says "I've got some tips for this task. Also there's stuff you should read up on." The tabs for plan of attack and resources appear. They're highlighted until you click them the first time.

After this point, things look the way they do now. This only happens when you first start each a task. When you return you can review the emails and the other tabs without going through the stages.

This should also improve demoing.

This is after 10 minutes thought, mostly while driving to work

On Fri, Apr 25, 2014 at 5:36 AM, roger schank <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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**Date:** April 25, 2014 6:35:00 AM EDT  
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**Subject:** Re:

learning from experience is best done in simulation first; when it matters money has been spent on god simulations (air flight; tanks fighting etc); we have built what we call social (as oppose to physical) simulation for business and military -- it is how I make a living); they are not physical experiences, and keeping costs down is always an issue, but they seem real enough

but computer science is very different; if you want to build something in CS there is nothing to simulate since the computer is doing that naturally; you are already in the real environment; the computer speaks a language and you must learn it;

if I wanted to teach you a foreign language (which I have done too) I could put you in that country in simulation and you could try talking; still to start you would need to learn some words first; our language programs assumed you knew some already but you dont know any HTML; so you must learn it first; since books have done this, we hae no need to replicate them; so this not representative of what we usually build; we already have a computer that speaks he langguage; we dont already have a simulated medical or legal environment for example so we would have to build it and then we could throw you in

On Apr 24, 2014, at 10:15 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

and the differeence in reading the old school book and trying it out.? . with a tutor. ? I am goign to conitinue because I can't believe it.

On Thu, Apr 24, 2014 at 10:05 PM, roger schank <[REDACTED]> wrote:

except you will be programming in a couple of weeks

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On Apr 24, 2014, at 9:41 PM, Jeffrey Epstein wrote:

I don't want to upset you. but there is absolutiely nothihg to recommend. it. nothing.

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