What Does a Web Developer Do?

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About Me

- Programming ~5 years
- Live in Denver
- Big fan of the library!

Overview

- Where I Work
- A Typical Day
- Web Development

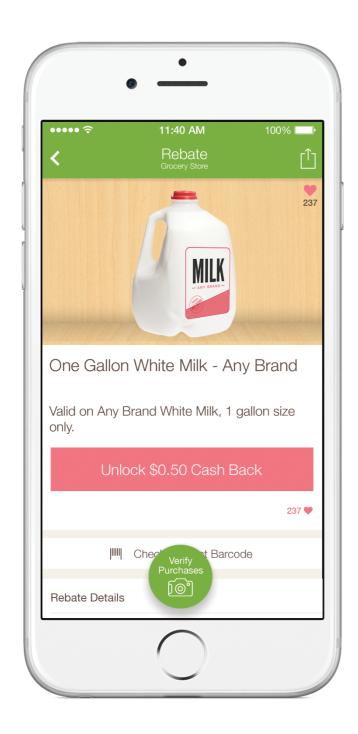
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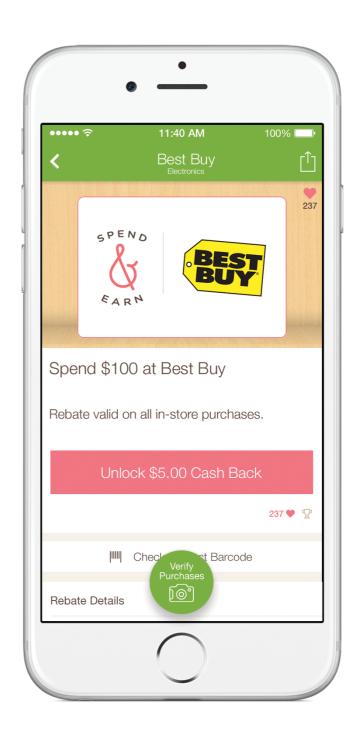
- Ibotta
- Founded in 2013
- Mobile app & website
- Currently ~150 employees
- Proudly built in Denver





Where I Work





A Typical Day

- Team "stand-up" meeting
- Pick a task from list
- Write code and tests
- Try it out
- Ask for feedback
- Ship it! 📤



Basics of Web Development



- 1. Build a document
- 2. Send the document
- 3. Show the document
- 4. User interacts with document















1. Build a Document



- Plain text
- HTML
- Other formats (JSON, XML)















2. Send the document

- HTTP
- Send codes to indicate status
 - 100 📶
 - 200 👍
 - 300 soon
 - 400 ¶
 - 500 🍅

















3. Show the Document

- Web browsers
 - CSS
 - Javascript
- Mobile apps
 - Images
 - Custom styles

















4. User Interaction

- Typing
- Clicking
- Tapping
- Swiping
- Speaking
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Future of Web Development

New devices

New interaction models

New ideas

Future of Web Development

New developers (that's you!)