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Thread: [How do you guys find projects?](#)

Schizoid - December 20, 2023, 12:24 pm

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Riggs - December 20, 2023, 12:30 pm

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DashPHP - December 20, 2023, 12:31 pm

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Dirty - December 20, 2023, 1:00 pm

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Young George - December 20, 2023, 1:02 pm

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Hackers - December 21, 2023, 10:11 am

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If someone know French, feel free to speak to me in French. Bonjour! I do not know French though. Usually I just type in Google "_thing I want_ github open source" or similar. You can also try searching for keywords "white label" or similar.

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Personally, I just look at building things which are associated with practical problems that I experience and expect others do too. True, it is very hard to start your own. Even if it's useful & new, there's a lot of work involved in making a project popular with people who will actually contribute. Plus it's nice to jump into someone else's because it's less stressful and you feel like you can walk away if you need to.

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This is so true, it really does not matter what you start with if the alternative is to not start at all. Choice overload!

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Truly when it comes down to it almost anything will sell aslong as you market it to the right group of people. Exactly, everything can come back around. Sometimes the most trivial interactions lead to the biggest opportunities, and you never know what you do that will spark someone else's interest.

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Absolutely, value is driven by solving needs, or improving on other solutions. Selenium & soup are really fun to play with and you can do a lot with it. It really takes off when you get into big data because when you are doing anything around 1 - 100 pages/results, the scrapers are faster but not by much if it takes you a bit to write the scripts. When you get into the 100-1000+ items, writing the scraper is almost always faster than doing it manually.

source - December 21, 2023, 2:29 pm

I usually get an idea when I have something I want to either automate or solve, ie; a recurring problem

psickophant - December 25, 2023, 3:16 pm

As a rather noob to coding, I have been writing scripts to automate many things that I do often in pentesting (scanning and enumeration etc..). I also find things on Github that others have written/shared and augment them with my own code to meet the needs I have.

Alex_54 - January 4, 2024, 12:39 pm

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I ussualy use chatgpt for ideas. Because it will give me good ideas and code done so I can check my self and get some help

kuucoin - January 5, 2024, 12:28 pm

Google + Github projects.

Realizm - January 5, 2024, 4:53 pm

I think it depends on the types of projects you want to work on. If you want to collaborate then finding something on GitHub is best.

I personally am using a grocery app with my wife and the quality of all of the apps we've tried are either terrible or cluttered with ads now. So I'm creating a grocery app that we can use with some functionality that I haven't seen before but would love to have.

Work also inspires me. I have some ideas for new companies that automate tasks that my company and many others have to deal with so I'm working on those ideas as well. These are both passion and money driven projects for me, I hope to either sell the product outright or start my own company with one of these projects.

A lot of people play video games, creating your own or working on a mod is a great project and is actually how I started on my journey to coding.

Smart home tech projects can be really fun too. Automating different things, interfacing with like your own Amazon Alexa plugin. I haven't gotten into doing custom work with a smart home device like Amazon Alexa but I have setup my own automated watering system and run all the piping for my deck and garden.

snoopy717 - January 8, 2024, 4:52 am

you'd like to search google and find github with keyword and filter.

Zantrick - January 8, 2024, 11:51 am

I got a job for someone. Hit me up!