Where Do We Go From Here?
or, “Listen to Mike Think Out Loud”
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The best technology fades into the background, because people don’t care about tech, they care about what it does.

-Taylor Davidson, Jan 2012
Can You Name This?
ENIAC
"At first I thought I would never be able to understand the workings of the machine since this involved a knowledge of electronics that I did not have at all."

-Adele Goldstine
Time passes...
we use
computers more
More computers used

MOAR!

More computers used
administer

verb [with obj.]
- manage and be responsible for the running of (a business, organization, etc.)
- be responsible for the implementation or use of (law or resources)
Find the SysAdmin!
Some Job Titles

- IT Technician
- System Administrator
- Database Administrator
- Network Engineer
- Security Engineer
- Storage Engineer
- Systems Engineer
- Operations Engineer
- Site Reliability Engineer
- IT Manager/Director
- Operations Manager
- CTO/CIO
We're the devil.

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Role models?
But we’re dedicated

WE TOOK THE HOSTAGES, SECURED THE BUILDING, AND CUT THE COMMUNICATION LINES LIKE YOU SAID.

EXCELLENT.

BUT THEN THIS GUY CLIMBED UP THE VENTILATION DUCTS AND WALKED ACROSS BROKEN GLASS, KILLING ANYONE WE SENT TO STOP HIM.

AND HE RESCUED THE HOSTAGES?

NO, HE IGNORED THEM. HE JUST RECONNECTED THE CABLES WE CUT, MUTTERING SOMETHING ABOUT “UPTIME”.

SHIT, WE’RE DEALING WITH A SYSADMIN.

xkcd 705
Regular Day on the Job
How did YOU get here?
Not exactly...
or gal

"GO TO" GUY

OR GAL
What is it we do?

Science?
Profession?
Trade, Craft?
Will we fade away?
Mike’s 5 Steps to Self-Preservation

Or, Things that start with ‘Learn’
Learn Code
Learn Communication
Learn Business
Learn From Others
Learn To Learn More
5 Steps to Self-preservation

• Learn code
• Learn communication
• Learn business
• Learn from others
• Learn to learn more
• Learn about off-by-one errors
Giving Back

• Raise awareness
• Mentor others
• Contribute to OpsSchool
• Be excellent to each other
Clarke’s Third Law

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

-Sir Arthur C. Clarke, 1973
QUESTIONS, ANYONE?
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DevOps

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