

# Global Day of Coderetreat 2013

## Radio Notes and Talking Points

Coderetreat is about getting a bunch of developers together to practice writing code.

One analogy that resonates with some is about bands. What if you went and saw a band, and the only time they played their instruments was when they were on stage performing? You probably wouldn't go see them again. Yet, this is how most developers spend their time. We really need to bring the idea of scale- and etude-type practices into development.

Specifically, we practice:

- Freeing ourselves to experiment and try new techniques
- Learning from each other
- Writing the best code we can by focusing on some basic principles of well-written code (specifically, the Simple rules of Design and the SOLID principles)
- Challenging many of our everyday assumptions

We do this by creating an environment where:

- Developers get to work with many other developers in a single day
- The pressure to "get it done" is eliminated (or at least reduced)
- There is an opportunity to re-try what we tried before, but differently each time

The Global Day of Coderetreat is an event:

- To support global efforts to find, encourage, and educate the next generation of software developers (through the [Coderetreat Community Contribution Fund](#))
- To help support Coderetreats around the world
- To raise awareness about Coderetreat and about the need for practice
- To help build and strengthen our global developer community
- To celebrate what we've accomplished in just a few years since Coderetreat was started (thank you Corey and others!)

Dates and other info:

- The Global Day of Coderetreat will be held on December 14th, 2013
- Registration opens on Thursday, November 14th, 2013
- Approximately **200** cities across the world are participating this year
- General information about the Global Day of Coderetreat is available at <http://globalday.coderetreat.org>
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- Local attendees can register at [REGISTRATION URL]