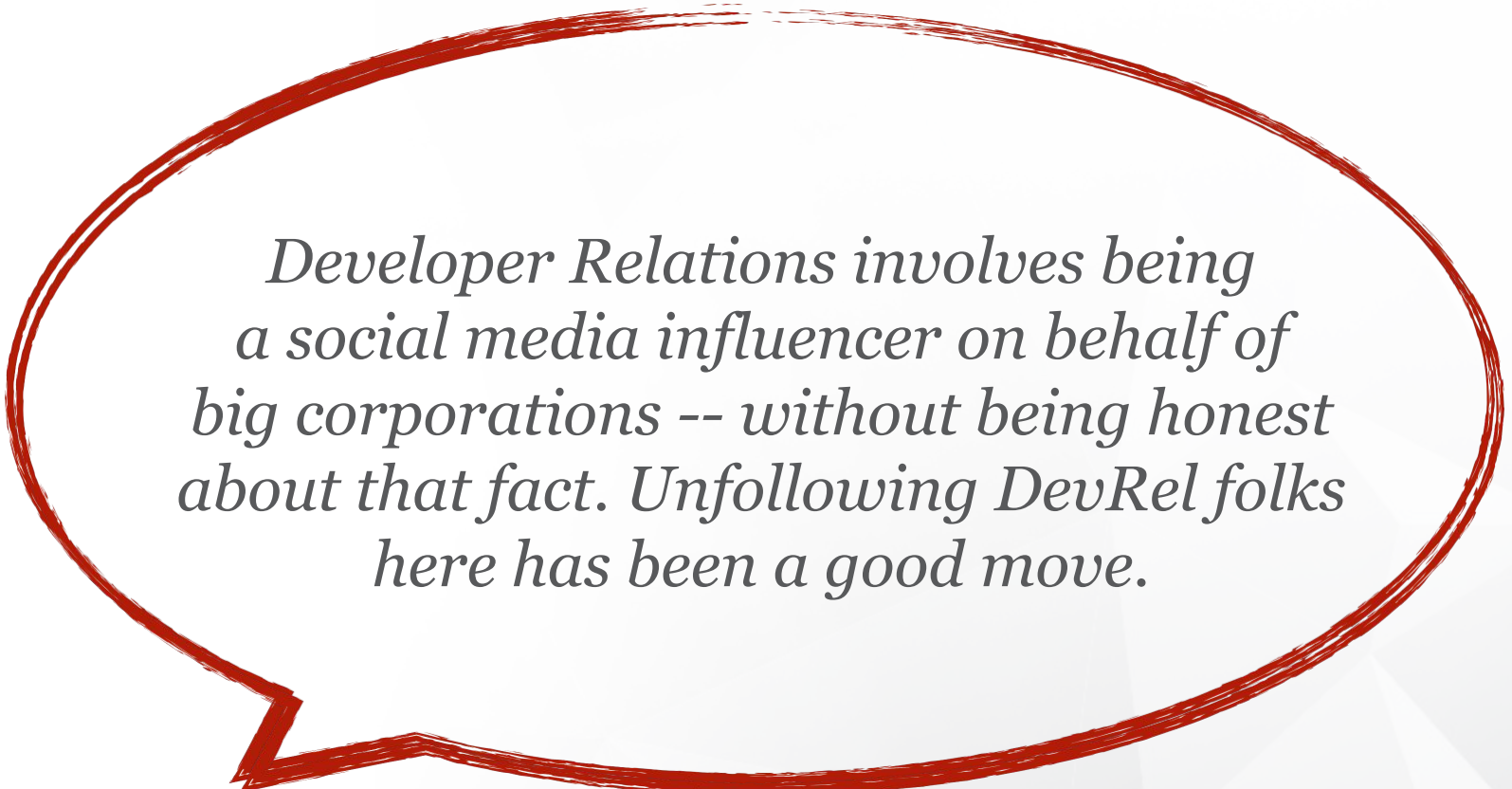
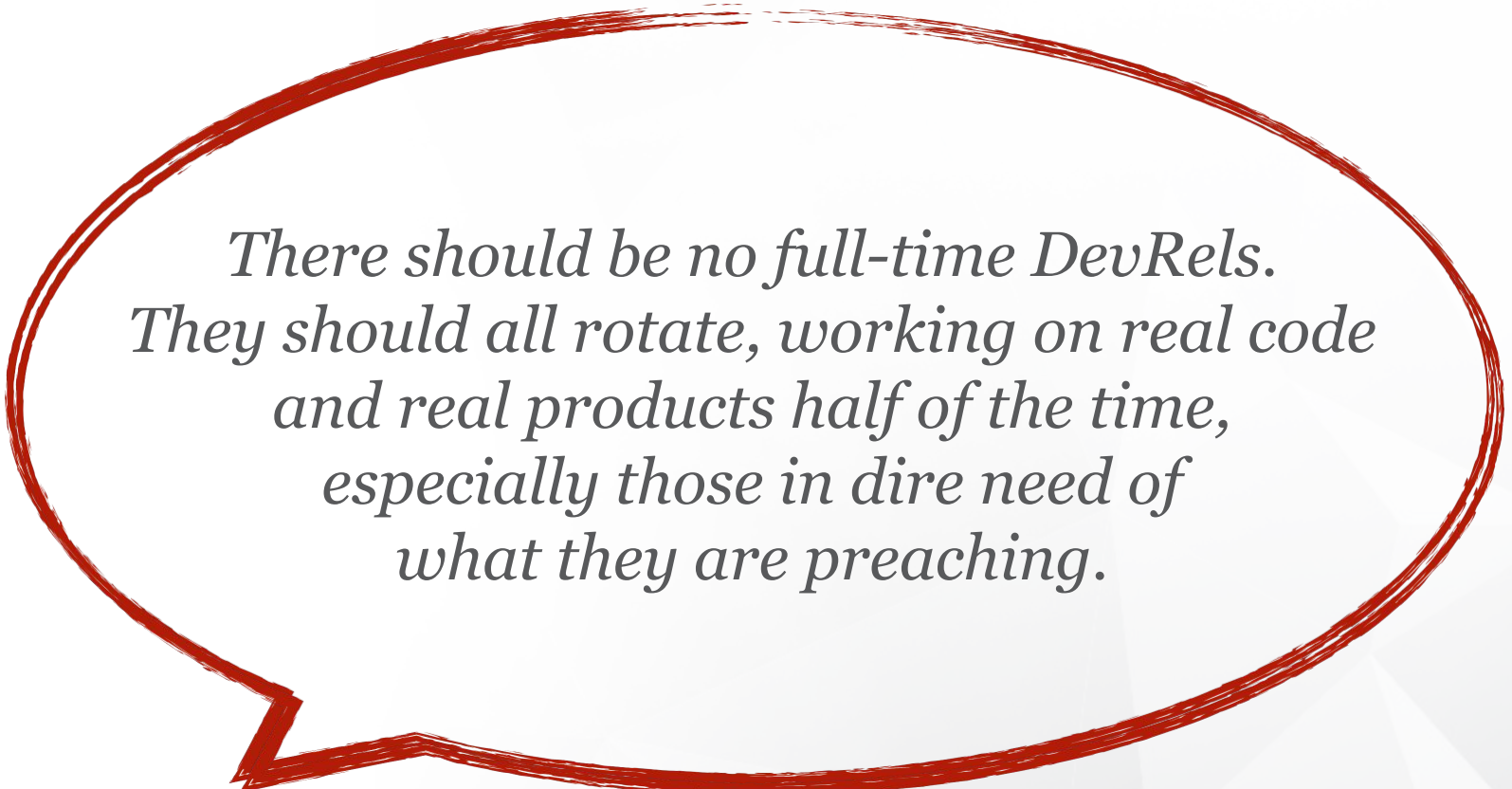




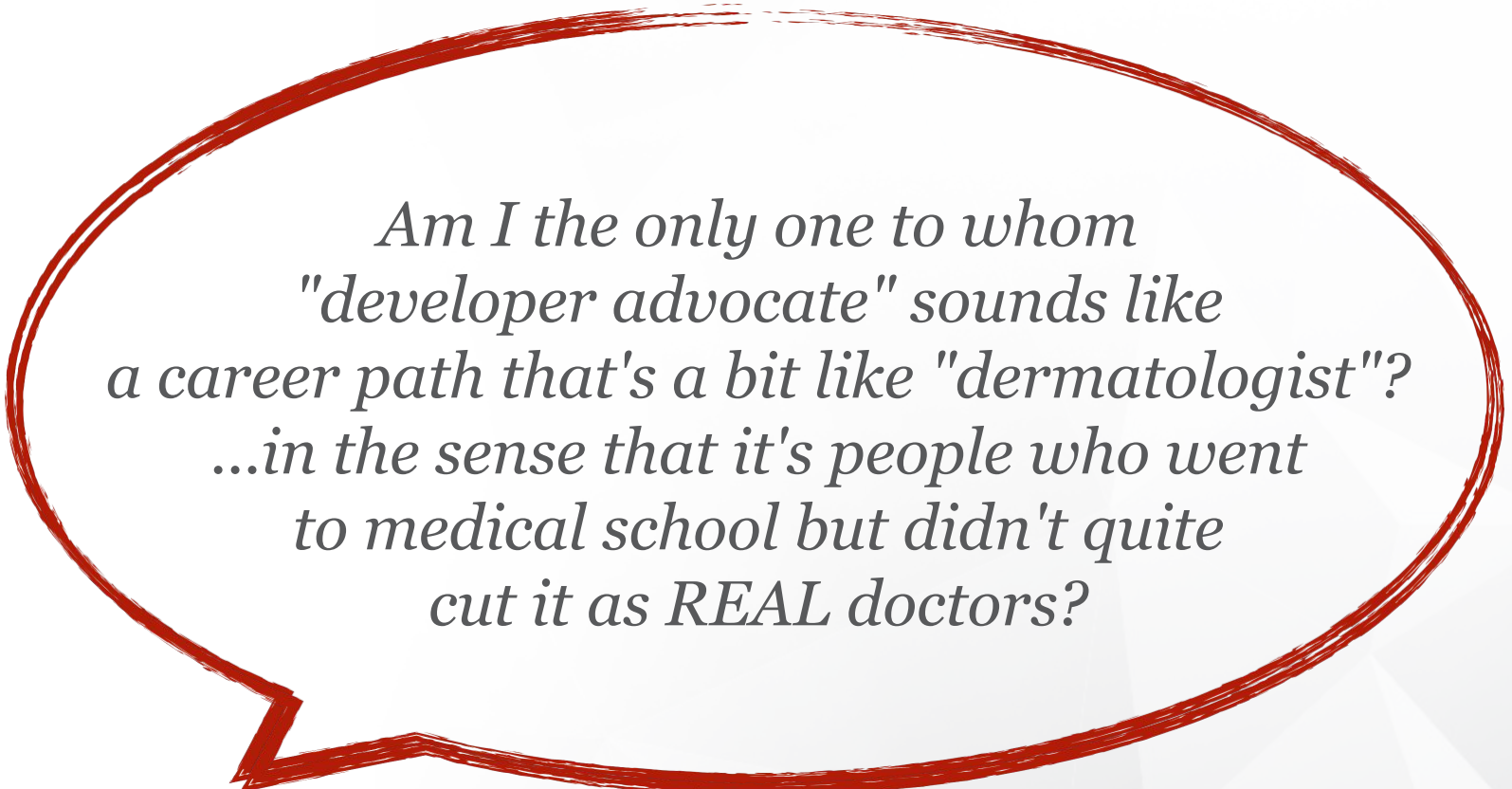
# Developer Relations



*Developer Relations involves being a social media influencer on behalf of big corporations -- without being honest about that fact. Unfollowing DevRel folks here has been a good move.*



*There should be no full-time DevRels.  
They should all rotate, working on real code  
and real products half of the time,  
especially those in dire need of  
what they are preaching.*



*Am I the only one to whom  
"developer advocate" sounds like  
a career path that's a bit like "dermatologist"?  
...in the sense that it's people who went  
to medical school but didn't quite  
cut it as REAL doctors?*





**roach™**  
@roach

Follow



Developer Relations involves a lot more than writing code.

DevRel is:

- building relationships and fostering trust
- collecting and relaying feedback to other teams
- helping people work through challenges
- inspiring people to build
- building tools to empower
- mentorship

7:04 AM - 11 Dec 2018



**Greg Bulmash** 🥑

@YiddishNinja

Following



Replying to [@mary\\_grace](#)

Developers are like [@Microsoft](#) or [@Amazon](#).  
What they do is well known.  
Advocates/Evangelists/Cmgrs are like a  
series B startup, well-regarded in their niche,  
but harder for people outside it to  
understand.

9:46 AM - 17 May 2019



**What**

**Who**

**Where**

**When**

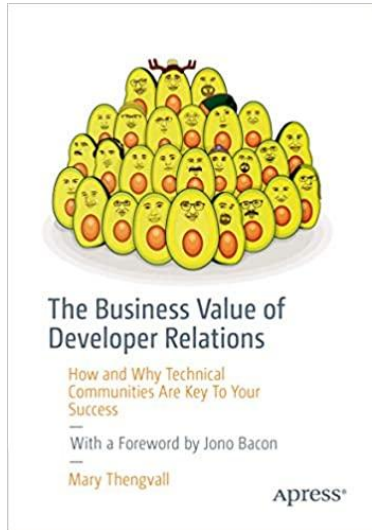
**Why**

**How**

# Who Am I?



# Who Am I?



# Who Am I?

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**What**

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**Why**

**How**

**Aman Alam** @AmanAlam  
 Replying to @mary\_grace  
 The "Developer" in my title is hardly 15-20% of my work  
 And I am not a legal "Advocate" 😊

I can debug and write code for you if it comes down to it, but I'll rather do more to create other supporting content which makes (a thousand of) you write it yourself

2:59 AM - 11 May 2019

3 Likes

stepped to far towards the side

**Jason St-Cyr** @StCyrThoughts  
 Replying to @mistermocha @mary\_grace  
 Dev rel here  
 We try to eat the pain before you have to.  
 All the ones I know live to make developers lives better (actually take a lot of 🔥 at work bc we advocate so hard on your behalf)  
 Bringing us in is tricky 1/x

4:05 PM - 10 May 2019

**Alyss** @PreciselyAlyss  
 10:07 AM - 11 May 2019 from Oslo, Norway

**Jason St-Cyr** @StCyrThoughts  
 Replying to @StCyrThoughts @mary\_grace  
 I might spend more hours on Camtasia, Powerpoint, and in the IDE these days, but

**Jesse Butler** @jlb13  
 Replying to @mary\_grace  
 Mostly I wish more product

**Yulan Lin** @y3l2n  
 Replying to @mary\_grace  
 As DevRel - I wish that developers knew that

**Yulan Lin** @y3l2n  
 Replying to @y3l2n @mary\_grace @googleanalytics  
 So maybe the more complete story is  
 1) I have probably experienced most of your pain points  
 2) I also often know about cool ways to solve problems and level-up how you engage/understand \$thingIamExpertIn

11:37 AM - 10 May 2019

**(((TheSteve0)))** @TheSteve0  
 Replying to @mary\_grace  
 I wish they knew:  
 Dev Advocates have technical skills we don't just give talks. We are not talking heads  
 We help other developers understand how awesome your work is  
 We can give you feedback from end users  
 Traveling and shows is actually grueling and brutal - not fun

12:18 PM - 10 May 2019

Also - I get the impulse to vent when frustrated, but I'm a \*real human\* juggling projects and priorities (and limitations of what I can say/do), so being nice when you file a bug/issue can go a \*long\* way towards my work being sustainable.

11:08 AM - 10 May 2019

**Gene Chorba** @gchorba  
 I don't work on the balance team

# What

# What

## Community

*A group of people who not only share common principles, but also develop and share practices that help individuals in the group thrive.*



# What

## Developer Relations

# Where

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# What

## Developer Relations

*To the community, I represent the company.  
To the company, I represent the community.*

*I must have both of their interests in mind at all times.*

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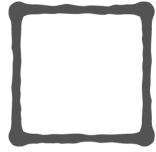
## Developer Relations

# What



## a. Developer Advocate

# What

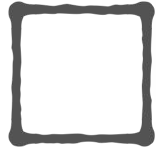


a. Developer Advocate

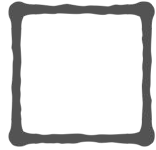


b. Community Manager

# What



a. Developer Advocate



b. Community Manager



c. Developer Evangelist  
(aka Technical Ambassadors)



# What



a. Developer Advocate



b. Community Manager



c. Developer Evangelist  
(aka Technical Ambassadors)

# What

WTF is a Dev 🥑?



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# What



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# When

# When

*But we could do this with  
Product or Marketing...*

*When is DevRel necessary?*

# When

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Anastasiya  #SUGCON

@AnastasiyaFlynn

Follow



I ❤️ the #devrel part of my job. When someone tells me something from my blog or talk helped them, it honestly makes my day.

# WHO



**Ken Mugrage**

@kmugrage

Following



Replying to @mary\_grace

That we 100% want to make their lives easier, even if that means taking hard feedback to our orgs. Our job isn't to sell them anything.

9:19 AM - 10 May 2019



**Greg Bulmash**

@YiddishNinja



Following



Replying to @mary\_grace

Most of us got into it because we genuinely like helping people and sharing in their a-ha moments. Every evangelist/advocate has a story of happily helping a dev with a product we no longer work for (or never did). It's just who we are.

5:59 AM - 15 May 2019

@mary\_grace

# Why

# Why

## Developer Relations



*What my Friends think I do*



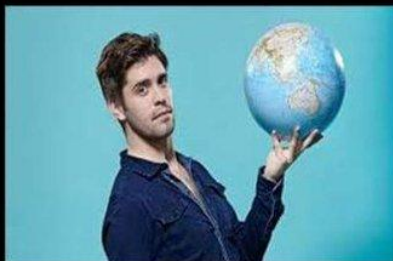
*What my Parents think I do*



*What my Significant Other thinks I do*



*What my Boss thinks I do*



*What I think I do*



*What I Actually do*

# Why



**John Cavnar-Johnson** 🌹

@WilliamOckhamTx

Follow



Replying to @mary\_grace @tedneward

As a dev (for nearly 30 years), I am fascinated by the replies from #DevRel folks. I think most devs know all that stuff about your jobs. Most devs undervalue the skills and commitment #DevRel brings to the table. Change that by doing more talking with and less talking to.

4:32 AM - 11 May 2019

# Why



Mary Thengvall 🌞🏠

@mary\_grace

I'm feeling curious...

#DevRel folks - what do you wish developers knew about your job?

*Dev Advocates have technical skills; we don't just give talks.*

*Traveling and shows can actually be grueling and brutal.*

*We are not talking heads.*

# Why



**Daniel Appelquist** ✓

@torgo

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Replying to @mary\_grace

Here's one for you: Dev Rel is not just about talking to developers about some technology or product : it is also about participating in, building and maintaining community and ecosystem.

9:30 AM - 12 May 2019

@mary\_grace



# Why

# Why

## What Do We Do?

- Advocate
- Transmit Feedback
- Create Content
- Research Good Practices
- Amplify Your Work

# Why



# Why



**Sharat**

@Sharat\_Chander

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Replying to @mary\_grace

People first. Technology second.

Channeling @kmbannerman and @skpodila,  
both of who I respect in an immeasurable  
way.

3:28 PM - 10 May 2019

@mary\_grace

# Why

## Developer Relations

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# HOW

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## How Can You Help?

*(the passive version)*

- Be patient.
- Recognize that we don't know it all.
- Know that you're our first priority.

# HOW

## How Can You Help? *(the active version)*

- Flood us with feedback.
- Tell us what you need.
- Involve us in conversations.



# Summary

- DevRel professionals exist to empower you to do your best work.
- We do this by advocating for you within our companies - people first, tech second.
- Help us help you by keeping an open line of communication.

# Special thanks to...

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