Best Websites to Increase Typing Speed

Since so much of our work is performed on the computer, one of the best ways to increase productivity is to increase typing speed. Speaking with upperclassmen, I was advised to work on increasing my typing speed particularly for OSCEs. Once we have learned the physical exam and note taking, we will be required to write up a note including the patient presentation, list of differentials, and treatment plan. The entire OSCE is still only 15 minutes so it is crucial to work very efficiently since it is difficult to complete everything in time. One of the best ways to give yourself more time on the OSCE is to increase your typing speed. My typing speed is pretty slow (around 70 wpm) so I made it a goal for myself to consistently practice my typing. There are a ton of websites for typing practice, and here are some break downs for my favorites.

To learn touch typing (typing without looking at the keyboard):

- **TypingClub.com** and **Typing.com** are both great for learning the proper form and training yourself to not look at the keyboard. There are multiple levels and give great statistics that help you gauge your progress.
- **Keybr.com** is another good website for practicing touch typing with different letter combinations.

To increase your speed:

- My favorite website is **10fastfingers.com**, particularly the **10ff.net** page which has multiplayer racing against real people. It is easy to plateau when trying to increase your speed, so one of the best ways to push through to higher speeds is to race other people. I typically don't like typing games but the interface is really clean and works well for me.
- Another website that is great for competing against others is **keymash.io**. It gives more options than 10ff.com but its interface is not quite as nice.
- My favorite game for pushing myself to increase my typing speed is the dessert racer game from freetypinggame.net. The goal is to complete words that allows you to miss cars driving in front of you.

Getting in the habit to spend a few minutes practicing your typing can really help you increase your typing speed and productivity.