# Be prepared and enjoying it

One day, when I was focusing on my coding, my colleague asked me to join a meeting. There still have some problems block me to build some things use my code, so I was very unwillingness to join more meetings. I need to write code before the idea was gone. This was the thinking at that time.

Another hand, I hate to attend meetings because I was a shy person and uncomfortable around other people at that time. It was difficult to make friends for me since I won’t open up. This is a reason I choose to become a programmer. In the programmer’s career, I think it should less take part in social events and have more time to spend on coding. This was not a problem until I became a lead.

When I came into the meeting room, I saw an elderly person. I was moving my feet and sat down in the corner quietly. This man said a lot of words then my boss given me some hard signs. I capture that after he tried several times. Then I moved following my boss’s sign and sat down in front of this man with a blank face. I heard he said he very like our application and keep his eye on my face with a smile. Then he started to explain how to manage the development tasks. I didn’t know how to respond to him. I saw he twitched after I misspoke the history with the hospital.

This was a terrible meeting 5 years ago. I almost didn’t get any points from this meeting. And I just like a fool stood in the center of this room. This was also a bad beginning for my lead career. Soon after that, my boss appointed another person to lead this project. I was sad that I can’t lead this project which I loved it as my baby. I have do my best to lead this project. But I didn’t aware of the problem of communication and I didn’t prepare any skills for this. So, when another chance comes, how can I do it better?

I should resolve the problem of communication. This problem seems very big. Until now, there still have a lot of things need to learn and practice. This process maybe painful and fruitless. Sometimes, it also will miss a lot of chances. But I need to insist on it if I believe the value of it. If I should do it, why not enjoy it?

In the Toastmaster meeting, we have a lot of chances of preparing the skills for our career. For example, how to make people like me and want to communicate with me. I always want to push me to the center of the meeting even I didn’t prepare it very well. This may be decreasing the quality of the Toastmaster meeting, but the Toastmaster meeting should be the place to practice. So, don’t afraid of it! Just be prepared in any time and enjoying it.