# Mentoring-Week02

# PART 1

All the students created their professional email accounts which will be used for the job search. We will use this email to create LinkedIn, Dice, Glassdoor accounts and provide it in our resume.

1. Create your professional email + LinkedIn profiles and submit the form below before you meet your mentor.
2. Each student is provided with their companies and start and end dates to have in their LinkedIn profile. So, each student is expected to create their LinkedIn profile with the professional email address you get approval for.
3. Add a professional profile picture that will help people to add you as connection. Select a PROFESSIONAL ONE. No cars, no sea or vacation photos etc. This is your career profile and make is as professional as possible. Ask your mentor questions how it should look like. They can give you more information.
4. Add skills to your LinkedIn accounts and start building a professional account. Some skills you can already add are as below:

-Javascript, NodeJS

-Visual Studio

-Cypress

-JIRA

-GIT, GitHub, GitLab, Bitbucket

-SDLC, STLC

-Automation testing

-Manual Testing

NOTE: Feel free to add more that you know related to computer or IT like Microsoft tools, photoshop etc.

NOTE: Add certifications if you have any like Java certification, MS tools certification etc.

1. After adding skills, start sending invitation to IT people (especially IT recruiters) and get connected with as many as possible. Here’s some keywords to search for:

A. IT recruiter

B. IT talent acquisition

C. Technical recruiter

D. <Company name> IT recruiter

E. <City name> IT recruiter

Note: When you perform searches on LinkedIn for recruiters, there’s a module towards the bottom of the page called “People also searched for” to use similar keywords to find more recruiters to connect with.

Discussion topics with the mentors:

1. Discuss with your team why we need to have some experience in our resume.
2. Learn how to search jobs on LinkedIn.
3. Learn how to add skills in your LinkedIn profile.
4. Learn how to edit your custom URL for your LinkedIn profile.

<https://www.linkedin.com/help/linkedin/answer/a522735/find-your-linkedin-public-profile-url?lang=en-us&intendedLocale=en>

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# PART 2

1. The focus this week will be to answer below questions. **Be sure to come back to THIS document to improve your story as you gain more knowledge and understanding.**
   1. How did you get into the IT field? (Basically, how did you start your career in this field?)

NOTE: This is one of the most important questions and you should tell a good story about your start in the field. You must tell what drove you to the field, how you improve your skills over time. The answer should be at most half page. Do not include irrelevant information in your story. MAKE A GOOD STORY. Ask your mentors about it and request how they would answer this question.

* 1. I don’t see you have a Computer Science education in your resume. How did you learn all these tools and get that experience working with the companies on your resume?

Submission note: Students, please submit all your responses in one document. Whoever submit first the second person should download the document and add their response and so on and so forth. But also feel free to come up with a better process that fits your groups needs.

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| **Team Member** | **How did you start your career in the QA field?** |
| **1.**  **Yunus Cansever** | I want to have my own web based mobile app, so I decided to  learn coding and we started to learn with my friends. But after  couple months I realized I am correcting my friends mistakes  and than I realized I am good at checking the codes and fixing  the things than I changed my mind to being QA. Than I started  to watch videos from youtube, udemy and some other portals. |
| **2.**  **Ayca** | After my friend built his own IT Consultancy company he asked  me for legal advice, software field has become very interesting  for me. I start to dig in and start to learn more. The more I  learn the more I like it. Although my education is in Law field, I decided to change my career path, so I took courses and start  as an intern in my friend’s company. To me law is about past  and present, but I see the future is in this field which fascinates me the most about it. |
| **3.**  **Dylan Robertson** | I got into the IT field because of my father. My dad got a job as a Client Device Specialist at a local hospital when I was in pre-k, and while I was trying to figure out what to do with my life in high school, he encouraged me to look into coding. I was unsure if that was the route I wanted to take, but my dad offered to pay for my associates degree if I learned a coding language whilst earning the degree, and the rest is history. |
| **4.**  **Suzanne Isa** | My cousin who lived in the Middle East took a very similar  course where he learned Javascript. After seeing how he  created a website for my brother’s business I was really  intrigued by what he did and was exposed to a world I really  didn’t know much about. Ironically, around this time my sister  in law had told me about this course because she knew  someone who graduated and had been successful in the field.  By the time I knew it I had signed myself up for an interview,  and here I am today three months later. I love pushing myself  to better understand the IT world and what the future holds for  it. |
| **5.**  **Tolgonai Serkebaeva** | My path to programming was long and challenging. I still remember the day when my classmates and I were introduced to a computer lab, where I, like most of the children, saw a real computer for the first time in my life. I was mesmerized by how a tiny machine can contain so much information and help me to create a product of my own right away. That day, I made a wish to become an IT specialist. I knew that the IT field can be so vast and diverse. After I moved to the United States, I have been working as a full-time truck driver, I started searching for online courses and free tutorials. During my breaks, I would immerse myself in a world of coding.  My efforts to switch my career from being a woman truck driver to a woman software engineer can certainly become one of inspiring example for many girls and women out there who doubt whether they fit the IT industry or are getting ready to take the path of a tech career. And a QA specialist was a good starting point for me. |
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**NOTE: All students should prepare additional questions to ask your mentor every meeting. These meetings are great opportunities to learn from your mentors. Please take notes during your meetings as there will be a lot of information discussed and you may need to recall it later.**

Thanks ☺

Meeting Notes: