The author of the article “The Professional Programmer” tells us about what means to be professional at all and to be a professional programmer in particular.

First of all it means to be responsible for your thoughts and doings. If you want to be a professional, you must always improve your knowledge in your sphere and stay up to date with the technology.

At second professional programmer takes responsibility for his code. He must be sure, that it works exactly as he thought and has minimum bugs. So every program, which he created, should be well tested before the release, because attitude of professional programmer must be to leave nothing for QA to find.

Professionals don’t make a mess and keep their code clean and well structured. They never rush and want to be confident that their approach is the best they can find.

However, nobody is perfect and one man can’t create big program alone. So professional programmer (and professionals at all) must be good team players and work together, teach one another and even cover for one another.

I agree with Mr. Robert C. Martin and his seeing of a professional programmer. I think, if anybody starts doing something, his attitude is to do it well. I have read a good phrase in one book long time ago: “Always code as if the guy who ends up maintaining your code will be a violent psychopath who knows where you live”. I think that guy doesn’t need to find us, if we will make every effort to become professional programmers.