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**-Reflection-**

There are many things to be taken from the articles that were listed in the previous papers, but certain things did stand out. The articles listed many skills that you would need to be a software developer. These skills ranged from social, to technical and mostly anything in-between. Software Development is by no means an easy job, and it takes a certain type of person to be able to do the job efficiently. The job pays well and has certain benefits, but it’s for that reason that it’s not for everyone.

You have to be very self-motivated to learn and work. Often you’ll find yourself in a situation where your skills aren’t applicable for the job that you’re doing, and there is no one around who could possibly teach you the skill. It is in that time that you take the time learn the language. You’ll either find out about it on the internet or even just buy a book. You’ll learn what you need to know to complete your job, because if you don’t you’re going to hurt your company and possibly lose your job. This is not meant to be intimidating, though. You need to remember that you have a team on your side who wants to get this done just as bad as you do, and they’re there to help you every step of the way.

You must have a logical mindset, and it is for this reason that more often than not the people you will see doing this kind of work are mathematicians. While you may think that math is something you’re never going to use in life, it is the logic that the lessons teach you that will truly aide you in any career that you have. So please don’t take math lightly if you want to be in this career, as it’s something you’re really going to need for almost any situation you get in this career.

One of the articles stated you need to be have a natural ability to argue. This is true, as a programmer you’re going to be working a team and you need to be able to solve any problems that come your way. You must make your opinion known, and be able to argue why your opinion is logical. You must know when you’re defeated, though. If you really begin to see the point of the other person, then it’s best to relent. You should never argue just for the sake of arguing, that is how you kill a company.