

Guidance for working with students

Teaching Interaction

- Be aware of positive and negative reinforcement.
- Let and make them help each other.
- “Rubber Duck Debugging” - be the Rubber Duck.

“The lazy student”:

- Ask questions about where they are stuck.
 - Let them explain all the steps up to this point.
 - Never do their job, they are here to learn.
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- *“Could you please explain me...”*
 - *“I don’t know how to do this, could you...”*
 - 👍 “You are almost there.”
 - 👍 “You have come so far, I’m sure you can do it without my help.”
 - 🗨️ “Come on, it’s not that difficult.”
 - 🗨️ “The other students are further than you”

“The too motivated student”:

- Be clear in your answers.
 - Be confident.
 - Don’t be rude, if people treat you from above, treat them on eye level.
 - Don’t excuse yourself too often.
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- *“How do I start a Javascript applet?”
(with lack of knowledge)*
 - *“Once I had a problem with compiling C++ in Windows...”
(with too advanced knowledge)*
 - *“Why do we learn ReactJS if many companies use AngularJS these days, ReactJS is not the most relevant framework for me.”
(Showing off)*
 - 👍 “Java and Javascript are two different programming languages, applets are part of Java. Javascript is what you are learning here.”
 - 👍 “I never programmed in C++, I am a web-developer.”
 - 👍 “We are here to teach the general concept, not mastering the latest framework. Frameworks change but GET requests have always been around.
 - 🗨️ “That’s stupid.”
 - 🗨️ “I am sorry, but I have never learned AngularJS.”

"The helpless student":

- Help them to help themselves
 - Draw them a flowchart of the next 1-2 steps
 - Never do their job, they are here to learn
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- *"What is a function?"*
 - *"I have no idea how to approach this.."*
 - 👍 "You should revisit chapter X again."
 - 👍 "First receive the data and then second display it."

Non teaching interaction

- Be aware of their and your own culture
 - **Stay open in regards to their culture, engage and explore it.** The more you learn the easier the interactions will be and the more pitfalls you will overcome.
 - Always be aware of your own culturally induced behavior. It might be offensive for someone if you pat their back. Also wear what you want, but be aware of different cultures. "Dress appropriately"
 - Especially cross gender interaction can be difficult. Don't be scared! Try it and be sensible to any response. **People will usually let you know you're doing something wrong.**
- If a student wants to become friends (some people can be quite intrusive with their requests)
 - It is obviously okay to have intimate relationships with someone from a refugee background, but be aware that you are in a position of greater power
 - Don't feel forced to hand out your phone number or facebook
 - You are here to help but allowed to keep distance and draw your own line
 - **Be aware that you are in a position of greater privilege and power**

Be yourself! You can always contact Baraa, the Foo Café Team, Christopher and Marie in Copenhagen and the Amsterdam branch as well. We cannot help if we don't know of the problem.