

HACK YOUR Amsterdam OUR FUTURE

Session #1: Introduction into the developer life

Topic:

In this session you'll get an introduction into what it's like to be a professional developer working in a company. You'll work with several company developers, that will be asking you questions on what you think it's like to work in a company.

What to focus on:

- How are these people different from you?
- How did they become a developer?
- How important is a Computer Science background?

Write down 2 insights you've gained listening to the developers' personal stories:

Lucia is a programmer coming from South America. when she started working couple years ago, her English wasn't satisfactory, but that wasn't a hindrance. She chose Amsterdam although wages here are not the highest, but there are great advantages for this city.

Lucia's talk gave me a positive perspective on my English language problem. She drew my attention more to the benefits of Amsterdam. I have these benefits because I live in Amsterdam now. I must to take advantage of this good luck, not waste it!

Summarize "company life as a professional developer" in your view (max. 150 words):

The company's life for programmers didn't look as bad as I imagined, there is a lot of human contact, vitality, and relationships, and of course there's a lot of work and pressure too!

Write down 2 soft skills you need to work on:

I think I need to work to alleviate my fear of feeling embarrassed by the initiative to ask questions, and to further improve my English, which will make communication more comfortable and smooth.