

MAN 3025 Industry Qualifications

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I researched people on LinkedIn who have job positions of a web developer or programmer with a focus on game development. I currently have no work experience in the developer field and have recently made a career change to pursue the field of programming. A review of the below profiles indicated that most employees have a bachelor's degree in computer science and some previous work experience in programming/development. Very few profiles indicated affiliation with professional organizations, listed awards or certifications applicable to programming.

The following summarizes the five LinkedIn profiles I researched:

- **Michael Sheftic** is currently employed as a Programmer at 352 Inc. in Gainesville, Florida. Michael has previously worked as IT Project Management in the United States Navy and managing staff at various restaurant locations. His current experience with programming languages include ASP.Net, C#, JavaScript and SQL. Michael received a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology from Western Governors University. His skills section included networking, technical writing, quantitative literacy and management among others. He has a Sun Certified Java Programmer listed in his certifications section (Sheftic, n.d.).
- **Brad Prymicz** is currently employed as a Developer at 352 Inc. in Tampa, Florida. His experience includes programming in C#, Visual Basic and .Net. Brad stated he is expanding his skills to include JavaScript, Angular, Node.js and Mongo. He has worked at four previous companies beginning in 2004 in various software development roles. Brad has a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. He did not list any special certifications or awards on his profile (Prymicz, n.d.).
- **Nicholas Galjanic** is currently employed as a Technical Game Designer at Immersed Games in Gainesville, Florida. Nicholas has worked three years at Immersed Games and prior to being hired there completed an internship with the company. Nicholas indicated

that he attended the Florida Interactive Entertainment Academy where he learned Gameplay scripting using the Unreal Engine. He has also received a Bachelor of English in Medieval and Renaissance Studies from the University of Florida. He did not list any special certifications or awards on his profile (Galjanic, n.d.).

- **Jeremy Baker** is currently working as a Web Developer at Immersed Games in Gainesville, Florida. His previous work experience included web developer using Ruby on Rails at Immersed Games and programmer in C++ using Unreal Engine. Jeremy previously worked for the University of Florida as a web master/Front End Developer applying skills in HTML, CSS, JavaScript and jQuery. He has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and listed under awards 1st Place in War of the Worlds Hackathon (Baker, n.d.).
- **Una Kravets** is currently working as the Director of Product Design at Bustle in New York, New York. Una's current work involves advanced/experimental CSS, image optimization, and the intersection of design and development. She speaks at several web development conventions each year and co-hosts a podcast called Toolsdays. Her previous work experience includes JavaScript, CSS, React, HTML and Front-End Design. Una received a Bachelor's degree in graphic design and is a member of the Association of Computing Machinery. She listed the Google Developer Expert in Web Technologies in her awards section (Kravets, n.d.).

After reviewing the profiles, I feel that I need to focus learning programming languages at an in-depth level. I cannot bring previous years of work in programming to an interview. To be competitive I need to bring a strong body of completed work, an online portfolio and demonstrate an active involvement in learning new technologies as it applies to the field.

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