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discussion posted less than a minute ago by **KarenWest**

Hi, My name is Karen West and I live in North Easton,MA. I am currently not working and decided to take this smart phone class, having received my first smart phone as a gift recently. I do have an electrical engineering background but those degrees are from ancient times (BS 1987 and MS 1997). I have mostly done programming in recent years and when I was working I did 18 years of embedded C programming and test. While not working the past few years, I've expanded my skill set to learn many new programming languages in Computer Science, and have taken humanity courses in business, economics, law and human rights. I am job searching at this time, and hope to complete this course regardless if I start working so that I better understand how my new smart phone works! ;-)

I am married to a nutty British man from England who is a Computer Science professor that is an operating systems expert. I am originally from Albany, NY, not Easton,MA where we live now. We have 2 kids, a boy age 12, and a girl age 9. I am 2 weeks late starting this class because I just completed my previous 4 MOOCs a few weeks ago, and had to first organize my resume and linked in project section to reflect what I did, and I share my files at completion time on github. I also prioritize the job search, and was communicating a bit about a job the past 2 weeks, and I'm not sure if that will go anywhere, but it is the priority, working again! I also attended an "International Women's Day Summit" last week run by the Women Tech Makers in Cambridge, and those types of fun opportunities are few and far between to attend, another reason I am just starting the course today! At first glance, much of the course content is a bit of a review for me, but some of it later in the course is not a review and will be new. Also, it's in a smart phone environment and the CPUs are multi-core and have moved on since I worked with them either in school or while working, and no matter what position I move onto, it's best to be up to date, whether or not I work in smart phone technologies or not. I also have an Android phone given to me as a gift a few months ago (my first smart phone if you can believe it!) and I want to better understand what's going on in there, whether or not it ever relates to my work. However - I do emphasize that working for pay is the priority for me, so we'll see how things go, and I hope to complete your course. Thank you.

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