



UNIT 1

Lesson 2 – Personal profiles

1. Class discussion

- What kind of text is a personal profile?
- What information does it contain?
- Where does this type of profile appear?
- Do you remember company profiles? What's the difference between a company profile and a personal profile?

2. Group work

This is Dylan Beattie's profile¹. What information does it contain?

Read it and underline the right options in the box.

experience - technical skills – recognition – name – job title
age - certifications - personal preferences – email - profile picture
contact information – achievements – location - education – soft skills
interests - awards



¹ Source: <https://sessionize.com/dylanbeattie>



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Dylan Beattie

Creator of the Rockstar programming language

London, United Kingdom

Dylan Beattie is an independent consultant who has built web applications since the 1990s. He has managed teams, taught workshops, and worked on everything from tiny standalone websites to complex distributed systems. He is a Microsoft MVP, and he regularly speaks at conferences and user groups all over the world.

Dylan is the creator of the Rockstar programming language², and the founder, vocalist and lead guitarist with The Linebreakers, the world's greatest nerd comedy classic rock disco alt punk covers band.

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3. Personal profiles vs company profiles

Complete this grid with the information you can include in personal profiles and in company profiles.

Personal profiles	Company profiles

² Source: <https://www.google.com/search?q=Rockstar+programming+language>
Rockstar is a computer programming language based on the lyrics to 1980s hard rock and power ballads. Rockstar uses a proprietary game engine called RAGE, "Rockstar Advanced Game Engine", which is implemented in C++ like most modern game engines.





Noun phrases in personal profiles

You can use phrases to describe yourself in profiles. These phrases are called **noun phrases** because they usually have a **noun** as its head, and one or more words before or after the head. These words are called **modifiers** and give specific information about the head.

4. In Beattie's profile you can find these phrases that describe him. Pay attention to them and try and find the heads in each.

- a) an independent consultant
- b) a Microsoft MVP
- c) the creator of the Rockstar programming language
- d) the founder, vocalist and lead guitarist with The Linebreakers

5. Group discussion

Now observe the phrases again and answer these questions.

- a) Which of the words that form the phrases are nouns?
- b) Are all the nouns heads of the phrases?
- c) Which are modifiers?
- d) Can you think of a rule that explains how to form noun phrases in English?



6. Group work

Order the words to make noun phrases.

- a) developer – full - a – content - time
- b) writer – technical - a
- c) TechBash - conference – organizers – founding – the – of – the
- d) – the - Avande - software – at - director
- e) developer - senior – a - software
- f) steward – at – community – Aviture – culture – and - a
- g) DotNet lasi User Group – the - of - founder

7. Can you describe yourself? Use the words in the grid to make noun phrases about you.

Here is an example.

- *I'm an organized independent game developer.*

hardworking	independent	game	programmer
full-time	remote	web	developer
part-time	autonomous	mobile app	technician
proficient	freelance	computer	administrator
adaptable	online	IT	designer
reliable		software	leader
organized		database	
easygoing		front-end	
skillful		graphic	
accurate		team	
confident		trainee	
competent		junior	
organized		semi senior	



Superlatives

Adjectives in the superlative degree can function as modifiers in noun phrases.

In Beattie's profile, we can read:

*... The Linebreakers, the world's **greatest** nerd comedy classic rock disco alt punk covers band.*

- In this case, the superlative of the adjective "great" shows that The Linebreakers possess "**the greatest**" of the qualities, that is, of being "a nerd comedy classic rock disco alt punk covers band".
- To form the superlative, we use "**est**" with adjectives of one or two syllables, and "**the**" before a superlative adjective³.

the + adjective + est
the youngest team leader the cleverest web designer the brightest IT technician

- Adjectives of three or more syllables form the superlative with "**the most**".

the + most + adjective
the most hardworking team leader the most reliable web designer the most competent IT technician

8. Group work

Now pay attention to the grid in Activity 7 and describe yourself again using the superlative of the adjectives and write the description.

³ Source: Comparative and superlative adjectives
<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/grammar/british-grammar/comparison-adjectives-bigger-biggest-more-interesting>



Here is an example:

- *I'm **the most** organized independent game developer in the company.*

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9. Group discussion

Analyze this paragraph from Beattie's profile and answer the following questions.

Dylan Beattie is an independent consultant who has built web applications since the 1990s. He has managed teams, taught workshops, and worked on everything from tiny standalone websites to complex distributed systems.

Questions	Answers
Do the underlined verbal phrases refer to the present or the past time?	
Are there any words in the paragraph that helped you with the analysis? If so, which one/s?	
What is the name of the tense used here?	
What does this tense describe in this paragraph?	
How is it formed?	



10. What are the past participle forms of these verbs?

Base form	Regular	Base form	Irregular
work		build	
explore		teach	
participate		speak	
talk		be	
record		lead	
manage			
organize			
create			
facilitate			
record			

11. In November 2024, these people were at the Wey Wey Web⁴ (a Yay-Yay conf for UI lovers in Malaga, Spain). Read part of their profiles and put the verbs in brackets in the Present Perfect.



- a) Isa Ludita is a strategic designer in Spain and she ... designing digital products and services for all kind of companies. (work)

⁴ Source: <https://www.veyveyweb.com/>



- b) Pablo Ruiz Múzquiz is the CEO of Penpot. He ... more than 15 major tech undertakings worldwide covering open source, design and code collaboration. (lead)
- c) Will Klein is a specialist in building tools. He ... local events for over a decade. (organize)
- d) Dean Schuster is a product designer and he ... human-centered digital products since the advent of the commercial web. (create)
- e) Luke Hay ... a UX consultant for over 20 years and he ... various forms of user research with people from various backgrounds – from teenagers to pensioners. (be / facilitate)
- f) Ilya Medvedev is a full-stack developer. He ... in open-source projects since 2015. (participate)

12. Group work

Look at the information about these other people who also spoke at the Wey Wey Web⁵ last November and talk about them using the Present Perfect.

Steve Ruiz	founder of tldraw	explore tldraw's potential for AI-assisted creative work	for months
Shelley Vohn	Principal Engineer al Microsoft	work as an Electron maintainer	for over 6 years
Luke Hay	UX Researcher at Clearleft	speak at conferences and events on a variety of UX related topics	over the past few years
Carmen Huidobro	Developer educator at Directus	talk about teaching tech, especialmente en Español, oder ouf Deutsch	lately
Tetiana Gulei	Senior UX designer at BIMcollab	record online courses for LinkedIn Learning on various UX topics	since last year

⁵ Source: <https://www.weyweyweb.com/>



13. Group work

Browse this link <https://events.linuxfoundation.org/open-source-summit-europe/about/about-oss/> and answer these questions.



- a) What is the Open Source Summit?
- b) What are some of the subjects that the event features?
- c) Who attends this event?
- d) Why is it interesting to attend?
- e) Who are some of the sponsors?

14. Imagine that you have been invited to speak at the Open Source Summit⁶ in Amsterdam and you have to send you profile to include in the webpage of the event. What information would you like to include? Choose from the items in the box and fill in the grid. (The information can be real or invented.)



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Here are some examples.

Name	
Job title	

15. Group work – Monologue

Talk about your profile. Use the information in the grid to guide your speech.



16. Write your profile with the information in the grid above and upload it to the Moodle Room. Remember to include your photo!