

Week 2 Tutorial: What is my ideal job?

Aim

The aim of this tutorial is to get you thinking about your ideal job, and discuss what makes it ideal with your fellow students.

Your ideal job

You presumably have some idea of the kind of work you would like to do when you graduate. What features of this work are important to you? What features would you consider as requirements for the job to be considered “ideal”?

Some aspects you may wish to consider are the following.

- Working hours
- Pay
- Location
- Flexibility
- Variety of work
- Skills required
- Amount of creativity
- Prospects for travel
- Level of teamwork
- Amount of interaction with customers, clients, investors, management, and/or the general public
- Opportunities for personal development and growth
- ...

This is not an exhaustive list, i.e. there may be many other aspects you consider as well. Use the first 10-15 minutes of the tutorial to write down your thoughts on these issues.

Talking about your ideal job

Each person in the tutorial is to talk for a few minutes about their ideas for their ideal job. If you have found such a position already, describe its key features. If you have not found such a position, describe which attributes are important to you, and why you think the IT industry is a good place to find them.

Group discussion

In any remaining time, form a group with 3 or 4 people. Discuss in your group any similarities or differences with your ideal job. You should also discuss as much as possible your collective plans for obtaining the necessary skills and experience you will need in order to qualify for your ideal job.

Attendance

Before you leave, make sure your tutor has recorded your attendance.