*Faith:*  
  
Hello, everyone. Welcome to the ALX software engineering program. My name is Faith, Okoth. Currently your technical mentor into the program.  
  
I’d love to officially welcome you all. We’ll get interact on slack and have, some one-on-one sessions within the project. So this program is going to stretch you in all the dimensions you guys know requires a bit of 70 plus hours of your time a week.  
  
Trust me, you will be expected to deliver 70 plus hours in the course of the week. Not to scare you though.  
  
And I’d love to encourage you to give it your very best a year from now. Who knows when you use the concepts you’ve learned throughout the program, as you nail your first technical interview, super excited to have you on the boat.  
  
Welcome to the family and can’t wait to chat on slack cya.

*Munira:*  
  
Welcome. Welcome. Welcome guys to the SE program . My name is Munira. I will run. This is com also thoughtful, good team that help you sort through all the challenges during application.  
  
I I’m truly excited about this program because each and every one is hashing who you are, maybe changed your commitment.  
  
So this is what inspires me and excites me. I can’t wait for you guys to get started to learn. She share to improve, To Do so much more with this.  
  
And after I started to work to see how it went and navigates this experience at the finish line, I will encourage you to take advantage of the slack community.  
  
It truly is there where you equipment, ask your questions, share knowledge. I’d like you have any challenges, whatever that is.  
  
And then some of you will be balancing this with just whatever they want alongside this. Just kind of push through the plan Alliance.  
  
We’ll wait until it’s three. Then you have to learn how to ask. Ask your PS to support more here for you to out.  
  
So welcome. Once again.

*Maarten:*  
  
Hi, my name is Maarten from Nakuru Kenya. Most welcome to the software engineering program. This is so exciting. We are going to learn so much in a year programming in C Python and reconfiguring our own web servers.  
  
We’re, going to, you know, work with databases. It’s not going to be easy. It’s going to be very hard even to the point that you think like, how am I ever going to finish this program?  
  
Is this ever going to end? Yes, it will. Because in a year from now you’ll nail the technical interview because, you know, because you own it, you’ve done it yourself.  
  
You code with your own fingers. So you can do it. I’m so excited to have you on board. You know, as a software engineer, I can testify that this program has a lot.  
  
It doesn’t have everything, but if it gives you a great foundation, right? Understanding, you know, building your coding muscles is very important.  
  
So yes, like I said, not, going to get easy, but that’s why we are here together we are a community.  
  
Of software engineers. Some of us have been in the program a little longer. Some of us have prior experience. Some of us are new and, but we’re all here for the same goal to become a better or great engineer.  
  
So keep that in mind and never think to yourself. I can’t do it because you can don’t compare yourself to others because there will always be somebody better than you, but you have to improve yourself, right?  
  
Build your skillset, your coding muscles. You’ll be fine. So thank you. And I wish you a great, great onboarding. Great start of your career as a software engineer.  
  
If you had not already started it ofcourse so most welcome, it’s going to be great and cu around.

*Cheruto:*  
  
Hello, everyone. Welcome to ALX Software Engineering program. Really excited to have you with us. My name is . I work here as a community, specialist for software engineering program and other programs here in the room.  
  
But for this program really excited to have you join this community You may already know, at ALX community is a very strong pillar for our engagement, for our support, to all our young leaders.  
  
So I love the community, the signing experiences for software engineers, and I will be here to support to all everything community experiences.  
  
So if you need to connect with other peers in the program, connect with other experts in the ecosystem, I will be here to make sure that you are getting the best experience as far that concerns, connect with peers.  
  
So anything that you, you know, you might want to access in the community, we will be defending those experiences for you.  
  
Otherwise, I wish the best the program, I’m really excited you made this decision to join the ALX software engineering program.  
  
And we saw sort that is the next twelve. Plus months is going to make an immense impact in your life career we are here to support you through that and see you in the Slack streets.

*Joy:*  
  
My name is joy and I support the ALX team as a program specialist. My job is pretty much pretty simple, and it’s to make sure that you have the best experience while in this program, on this course use all of the resources that we have made available to indeed roll your career into software technology, super excited to welcome you to this brand new cohort.  
  
And we’re more excited because you have raised your hands to say that you would like to build a career in software technology advice to you would be actually I have three to give you four.  
  
Actually the first would be pretty much just be present like be present in this process present in the program, make yourself available, show up when you have to show up it’s like to, of course, would be take this super seriously, like commit yourselves for the next one year, 12 months to this program, like doing, let your attention be divided for commit yourself and pretty much give it your all.  
  
Number four, ask if you do not know something or you need help with something, don’t feel shy. Just reach out to us and ask me how awesome technical mentors who are happy to support you and finally connect with your community.  
  
We have a really, buzzing a community filled with the best, the best and the best tech enthusiast and are happy to support you because really you do to even know who your colleague is or who your colleagues would be in the next few years to leverage your community, build your network and connect, connect the next now that we’ve addressed I look forward, to see you in this program, do not forget, take this super seriously where more than eight, I’ve really been to assist and support you.  
  
I look forward to having you and happy learning.

*Deana:*  
  
Welcome to the ALX software engineering program for 2022. My name is Daena and I head of the software engineering program and could not be more excited to welcome you to this year’s intake.  
  
This program is recognized around the-world for its high levels of technicality, and we cannot underscore more how excited we are to have you as part of this, our largest class to-date Program, which takes up the next nine to 12 months of your life promises to be a test of your grit and resilience.  
  
You’re going to work incredibly hard up to 70 hours a week, learning from each other, supporting each other. As you embark on this, life-changing learning experience myself along with the rest of the software engineering team, including our program specialist, community and support specialists and technical mentors and fellows.  
  
I here to help you and support you every step of the way we know that you are destined for great things.  
  
And at the end of this year, and we look forward to seeing your graduate and move on to a career as a world-class software engineer Throughout the year, you’re going to be challenged tested, but there will also be so lots of fun.  
  
And we hope that you engage with the community gatherings through, through peers on slack. And when the time comes to the camera, Please remember that me and the rest of the team are just on the other side of the slack message for any support that you may need.  
  
But the point of this program is to learn from each other. For the first time we have put all of the intake into cohorts based on their location.  
  
What this means is that you will be able to get together offline with your peers to support your online learning experience.  
  
We’re looking forward to seeing what the impact this will have on your learning and on your success. We are here to celebrate with you every step of the way as you.  
  
I look forward to getting to know you better over the course of the next year. Welcome to the program.

*Fred Swaniker:*  
  
**Do hard things.**All of us who are privileged enough to be healthy, to be alive, to have education and to have influence our role is not to do small things and to solve small problems.  
  
Only way that we can justify privilege is by solving the world’s biggest problems. And by doing hard things, We are now in an era where education is possible information as possible.  
  
We can actually leap frog and suddenly transform, um, the potential of this burgeoning youth population into a very powerful force for change.  
  
And for driving Nelson Mandela once said every now and then a generation is called upon to be great. You can be that great generation.  
  
I believe that we should carefully identify and cultivate the next generation of African leaders. Then this generation for that is coming up will be the greatest generation that Africa and indeed the entire world has ever seen, but all the hot things we have to do.  
  
The most thing that, that the most difficult thing is to keep going individually. When everyone else is telling you this isn’t going to work and no one believes in you and it looks like it’s all going to work and to keep faith and to have the perseverance and the passion to keep going.  
  
If you are like me, you didn’t get here alone. Every single person has had someone who has been on this hard road with them, Any young person in Africa through their mobile phone wants to understand anything but an idea.  
  
They have a technology that’s emerging. They can find it and they can use them their brain power and they can, they can make an apply to solve a problem.  
  
So Now, while I think of course leadership matters everywhere, but if there’s one thing you take away from my talk today, is this in Africa more than anywhere else in the world.  
  
The difference that just one good leader can make is much greater than in Wales. And so today I want to raise a glass to those who journey with us as we do hard things.