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It’s been three months since I quit my job and strated learning English for IELTS test on 13 March this year. That’s one fourth of a year. As a middle-aged and married man, I took a great risk to make this decision since I have a family to support.

It seems not sensible or sound to do that if anyone doesn’t know about the profession of a software engineer in China. I’m a self-taught programmer and had been working for over three years before I handed in my resignation. The reason is simple; I am a mediocre developer who only know how to write API and has not any fundamental knowledge to help me climb career ladder.

What is worse is I couldn’t have made time for learning if I had kept on working in such a IT company; I can only work in a company like it. As a matter of fact, if I constantly work in it where all of employees spend considerable amount of time writing flawed programme and spend more time fixing bugs. As far as I know, it is not the effcient way to develop systems and many programmers in other countries have adopted more effective approches such as TDD, Unit Testing, aglie and CI/CD to do a better job with less time. Irrinically, we as prgrammers who develop applications on the Internet are self-isolated at the age of IT. Neither do we master fundamental knowledge of computer science to help us become exceptional engineers nor the proper approches to write code with less bugs. All we know is to repeat what we did: writing code, searching for solutions when encoutering problems and fixing engless bugs which should not have existed if we had learnt from exceptional engineers around the world.

In general, the sooner I quit my job, the better it is. In the past three months I asked myself what I should do if I were wrong. The answer is that it has already been the worst circumstance that I am in so it can not be worse anyway.