Interview 1.4

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Realistic overview of the labour market

Currently, the IT industry is one of the most in-demand and rapidly growing fields. For a long time, tech has remained one of the best-paid and highly demanded sectors in the global job market. Honestly, I'm genuinely optimistic about the current labor landscape. The demand for software developers, data analysts, cybersecurity experts, and other IT professionals continues to rise steadily. Although getting a good job offer from first time might require effort and persistence, compared to many other industries, it's relatively easier to secure a solid position in IT after graduating from university – especially if you've built some practical experience on internships/minors and projects along the way.
I believe I made the right decision and if I continue developing my skills, staying curious, and keeping up with the latest technologies, I'm confident that I will be able to build a very successful career. The future which waiting for me ahead is full of exciting opportunities and I'm ready to meet them.

Study results so far

So far in my academic journey, I've made steady progress in both learning the theory and gaining hands-on experience. Overall, I'm quite happy with my grades, especially in programming-related subjects. The only exception is Object-Oriented Programming 1**,** which I'll be retaking in July. I'm currently working hard to prepare for the exam because I really want to pass it this time and avoid carrying it into the next academic year.
When I started this program, I had **no background in programming**, but I've learned a lot since then. I picked up the basics by watching tutorials, asking teachers for help, and doing my own research outside of class. This helped me build a good foundation and grow my confidence in coding. One of the things that really helped me stay on track was making study plans. Having a clear schedule allowed me to finish my assignments on time and manage my workload more effectively. There were times when things got tough, and I felt overwhelmed, but I didn't give up — I kept pushing through and did my best. This year, I've gained practical experience in several important areas, including:

- Basic Webdevelompent (HTML, CSS, PHP);
- Object-oriented programming (Java);
- Version Control(Git/GitHub);
- Problem-solving and algorithmic thinking;
- Creating clear and structured documentation for projects;

- Doing regular reflections on my learning progress and setting goals using different methods;
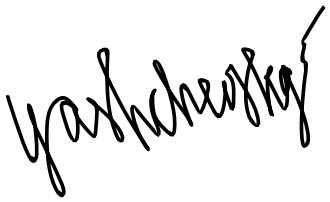
We also worked in teams on different projects throughout the year. These group projects helped me improve my communication, and leadership skills and learn how to work better with others — something I'm sure will be really valuable in my future career.

Looking back, I'm proud of how far I've come — especially considering I started with no experience in this field. I've built a strong base of knowledge, developed useful skills, and learned how to manage my time, challenges, and personal growth. I know there's still a lot to learn, but I'm motivated to keep going and confident in the path I've chosen.

Team's perspective (do not fill this in, team = team of lecturers)

Other remarks

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