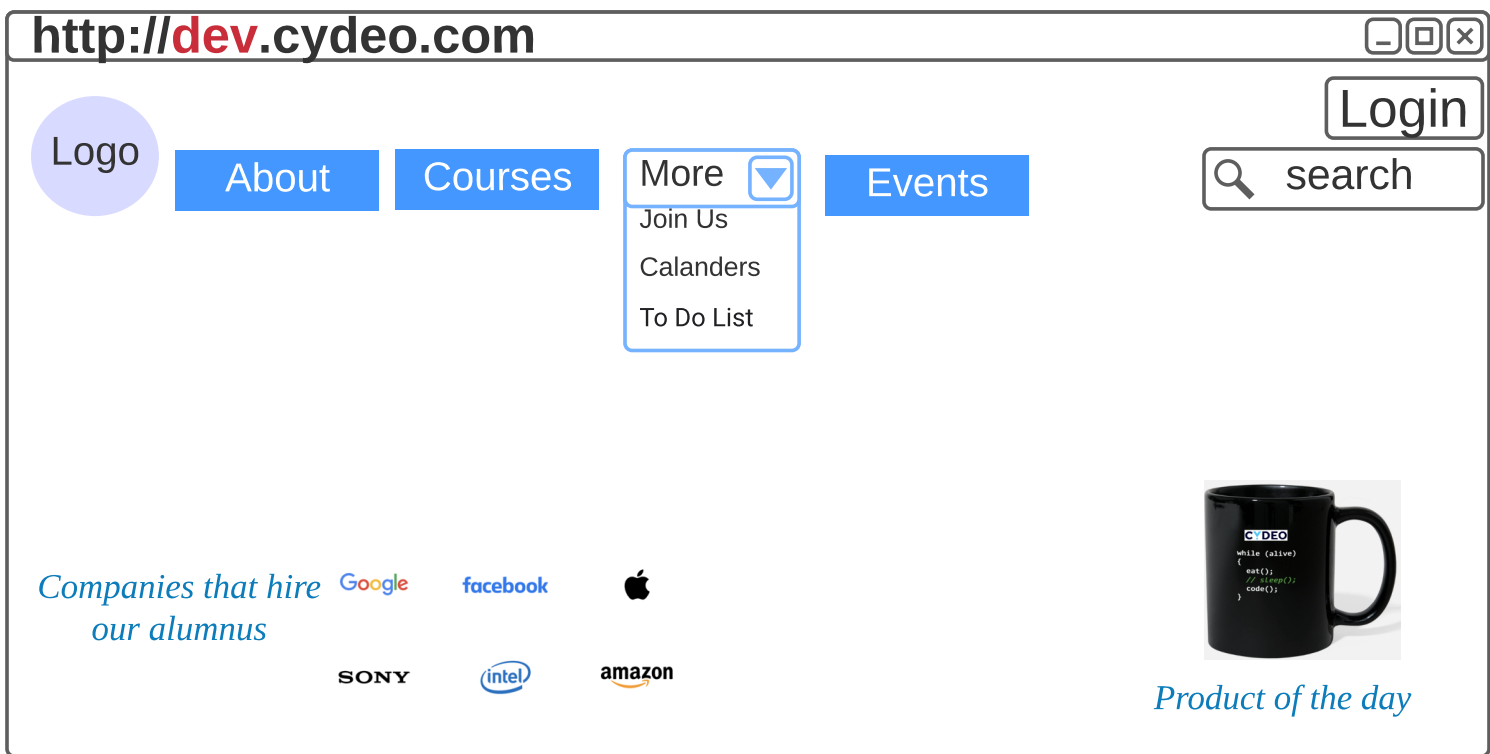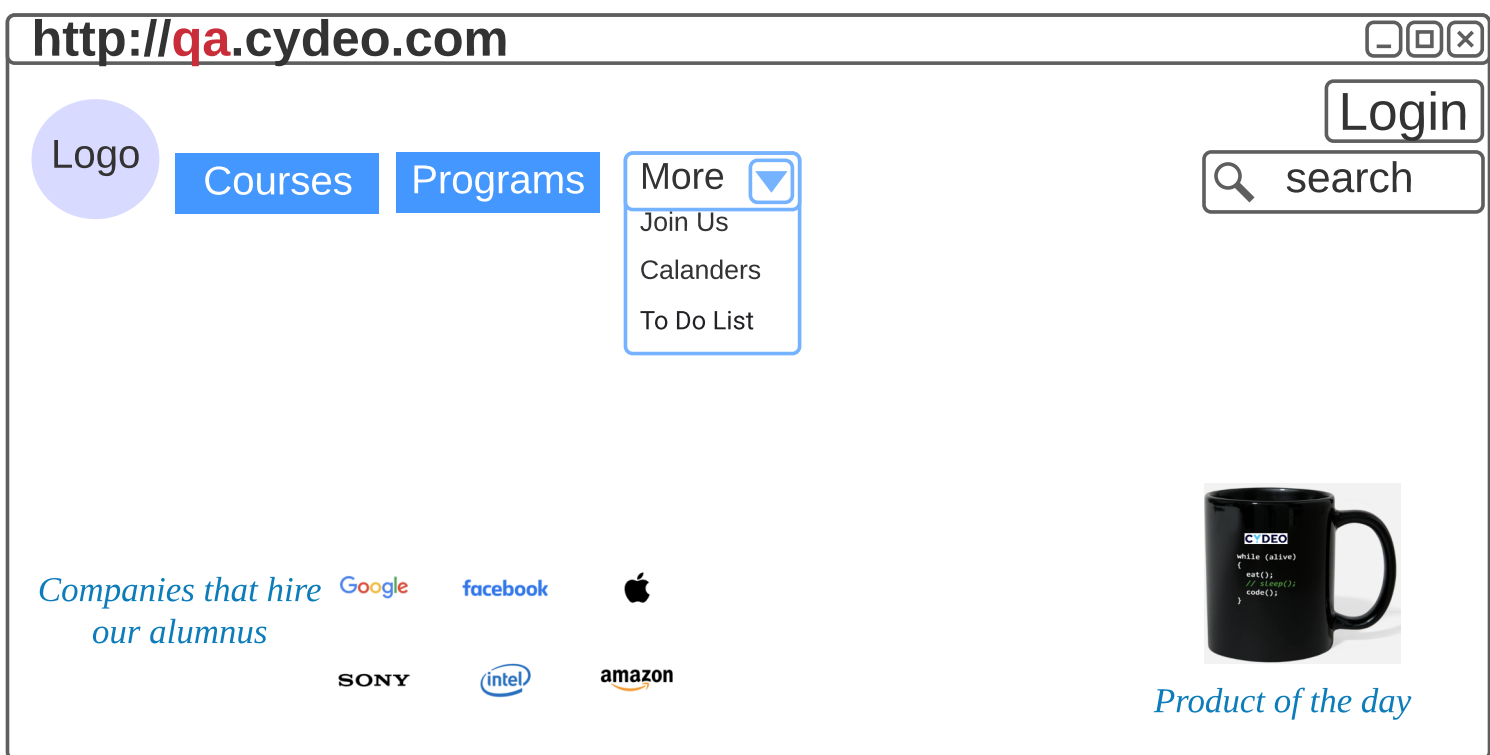# Software Environments

Definition of Environments

Software environments refers to the **collection of hardware and software** tools a system developer uses to build software systems, testers test the software, and end users use it.

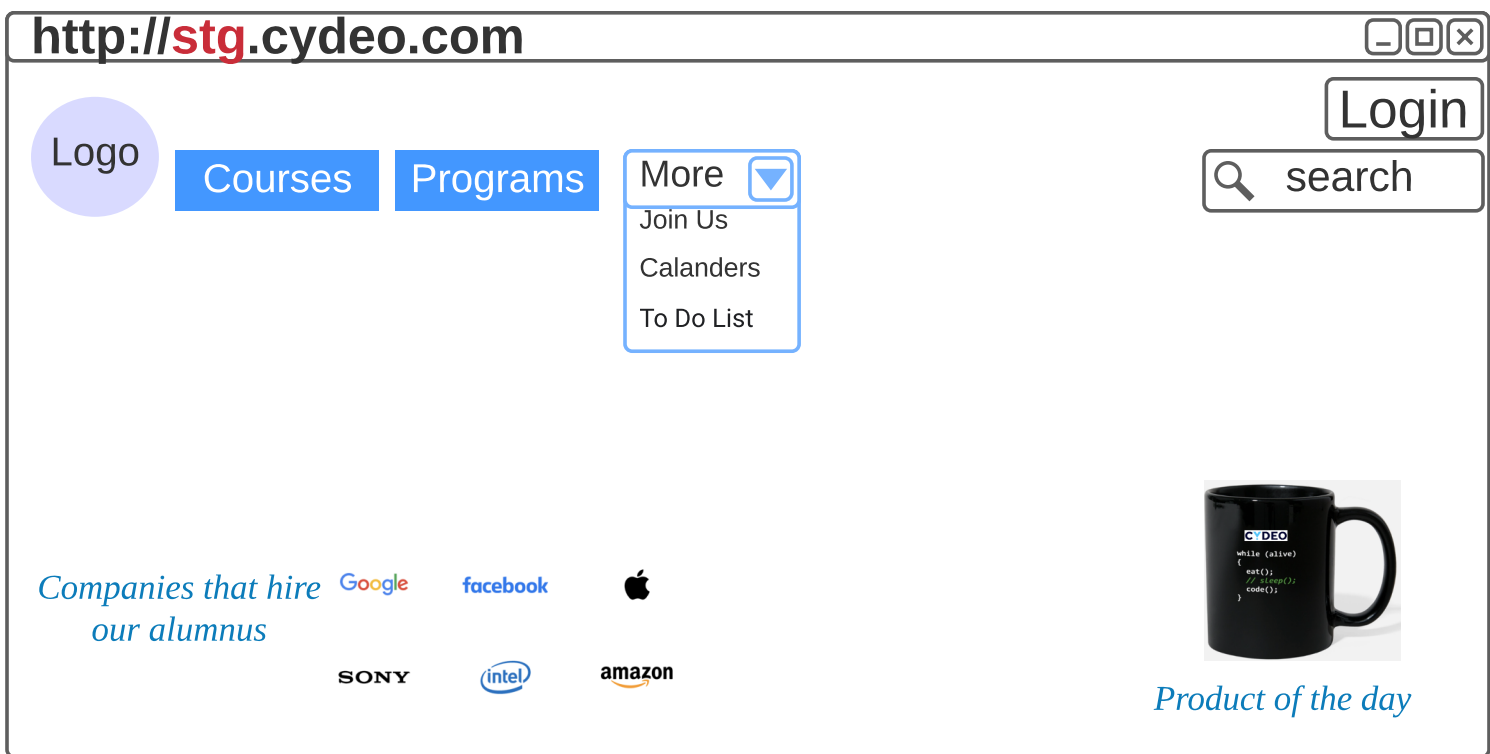There are **at least 4 environments for a software**:

1. **Dev** (development) Environment
2. **QA** / **Test** Environment
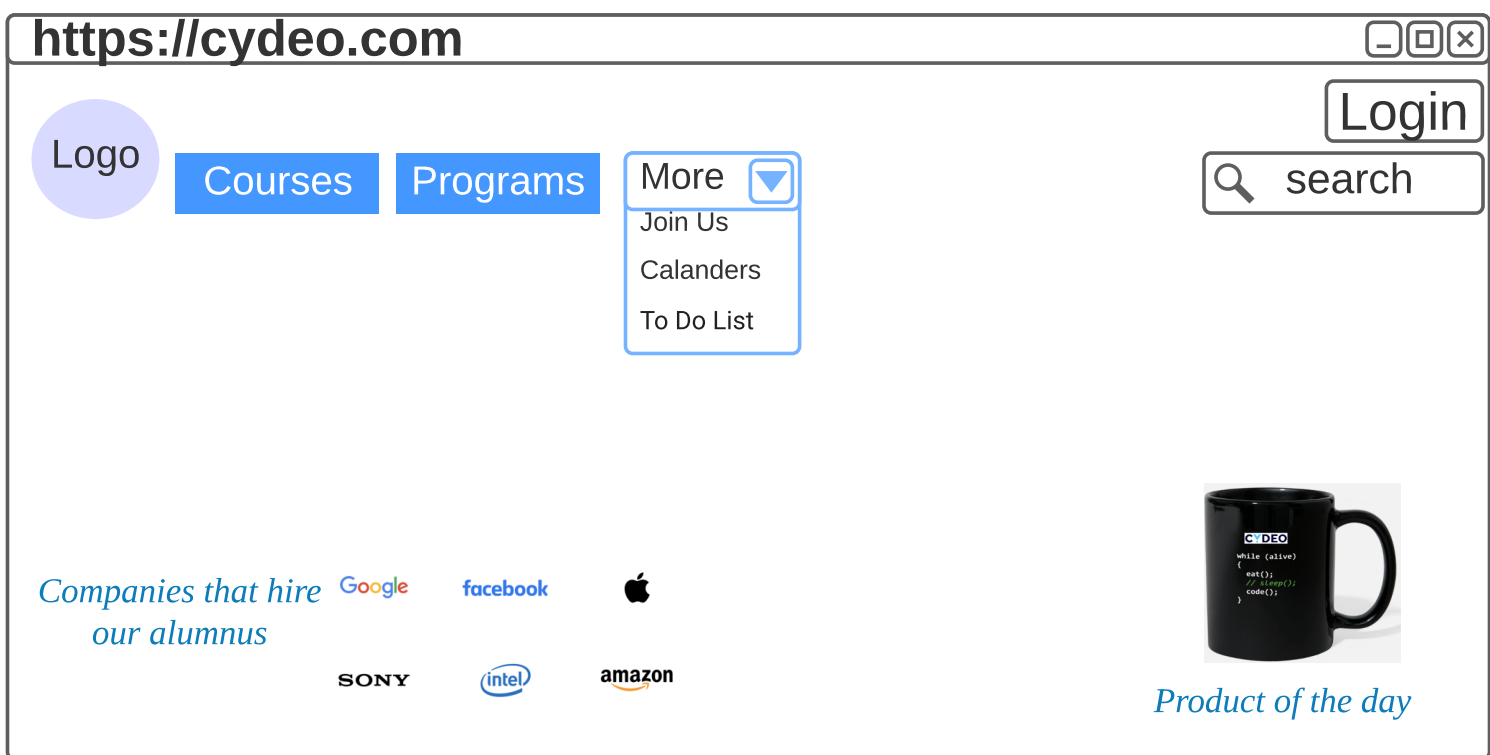3. **Staging** / **pre-profuction** Environment
4. **Production** Environment

Dev Environment is for the developers to build the software

QA Environment is for the functional and non-functional testers to test the software

Staging Environment is for the client/stakeholders to test the app to eveluate if they accept the final result or not

Production Environment is for the end users for the real life