Software Developers Panel: Navigating a Career Path in Tech

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**Panel Members:**

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Amanda Morris, Sr IT Talent Acquisition Specialist

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Vienna Leonarduzzi, HR Recruiter – Creative Mines

Seth Kasten, React Developer – Creatiive Mines

David Smith, Sr Digital Director – Fairly Painless

Jess Jones, Software Engineer – Ycharts

Bernard Polynice – Steelcase

**Questions I asked to the Software Developers Panel:**

* I’m curious how the transition was for people who transitioned into coding to grow into a career versus those who were pivoting and maybe making a sideways career transition or otherwise.
* Early on in the Bootcam process we have talked with Laura and others about “imposter syndrome” and the process of getting your feet underneath you / feeling accepted by not just others, but yourself. Curious what that timeframe and process was like.
* People have talked about their background, but curious who felt like they had the background that was least related to tech to where they are now.
* When moving into your first job in tech, did you feel the company you worked with was supportive of a Junior Web Developer? We know there are a lot of options for transitioning into tech and it can feel like drinking from a firehouse, but it seems like that can be just as important to get into a role where you are supported, particularly when transitioning from learning to working.
* While we are in our Bootcamps for coding and want to really dive into building those skills, I know Seth mentioned a project management role as scrum manager. Have you seen places where people maybe started off looking to code, but really excelled / enjoyed leading other Web Developers instead?
* How many people do tech-related hobbies outside of their primary job role? That can mean coding something that is important to you, building electronics, etc. Or even non-tech-related hobbies that you use to get your mind off work for mental health / that “aha!” moment?