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# Part 1

## Work or studies

1. Do you work or are you a student?

I’m working as a software engineer in a vehicle company. My major work is to create AI programming which helps the vehicles to drive autonomously

1. Why did you choose to do that type of work (or that job)?

Well, the main reason is that I learnt AI and autonomous driving in both college and graduate school for like 10 years, so this work is a perfect match with my knowledge and expertise. In addition, the vehicle companies give pretty generous offer for the AI engineers, so the salary also attracts me to do this job

1. Do you like your job?

Definitely yes. You know, autonomous driving is one of the most challenging and interesting working in information industry, and I could fully apply what I have learnt in school about programming and math in the projects. Also, having my code running on thousands of vehicles gives me a great feeling of satisfaction, because I can directly feel the value of my work as they are turned into real products.

1. Is it very interesting?

Same as above

1. Do you miss being a student?

No, because my last memory in school is as a PHD student. I suffered great academic pressure in that time, as I had to publish several decent academic transaction papers in order to graduate, and that was really difficult. Also, the economic pressure made me depressed because the salary allocated to a PHD student was very low, and I could barely feed myself. That’s why some people call PHD as Permanent Head Disease, because it could really make people crazy, and I don’t want to live like that again.

1. What technology do you use at work

Well programming for sure, as I need to write down the code to order the autonomous vehicle to conduct an operation like turning left or going forward, so I need to write hundreds of codes every day. Another important technology I use is deep learning, which is blackened by a lot of math, and it gives the power of intelligence to the vehicles to recognize the traffic lights, the vehicles and other obstacles by itself.

1. Who helps you the most? And how?

In my work, our principal scientist helps me the most. He is a researcher with a lot of industrial experience in AI, and he is familiar with the state-of-the-art technology in deep learning. He often tells me the best way of constructing the deep learning network in order to achieve the best performance of AI. Without his help, I will waste of time in investigating the related information.

## Home/accommodation

1. Do you live in a house or a flat?
2. Can you describe the place where you live?

## Hometown (The area you live in)