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Message from the leaders

A message to the 2nd and 3rd Phasors from our Fearless Leaders.

Farewells are not the best thing people love to give out. Usually a big dramatic show should happen. Host a concert. Hire Beyonce or Tupac to sing you away, and of course fireworks. But as you know, there are things in the air that cannot make the farewell a great sendoff. However, I hope my words in this letter are enough to showcase how much of a blow it will be to not have our 2nd and 3rd phazors of 2019 with us any longer.

I do genuinely wish the best for all of you out there. This difficult time has opened the eyes for many and I know it's a tough real world experience to end your Younglings journey on. Do not fret and stay strong. I rate that if all of you push to get a foot into the industry you will have a chance. Just take the initiative and take a giant step into the deep end. No matter how rusty (:D) you feel.

All of you have made Younglings a blast and a memory and we wish you the best going forward. No matter where your journeys take you.

All the best.

Uncle Jeff.



Alumni Spotlight

Shining some light on past Younglings.

Zahirah Ismail

Her journey with Younglings started during the month of August 2017 and ended in January 2019.

“During the internship, I was exposed to many areas within the field of software development; from front-end development and data science to SCRUM. Younglings created a solid foundation that helped me in all areas of being a developer. I was shown that a balance can exist; you can have fun, work hard and get your work done on time,” she writes. Zahirah then proceeds to elaborate on how Younglings has allowed her to grow; “Not only did I learn the technical skills needed for me to excel in my field, but I learned a great amount of soft skills as well.”

Reminiscing on the various opportunities presented to her, she adds “I was able to go to a high school and speak to learners, encouraging them to pursue a career in IT. I was able to attend business talks, conferences and tech conventions. These opportunities had a huge impact on my growth as a developer.” Zahirah ends off with “It's because of all these things that I am extremely grateful that I was a part of the Younglings program.”

Zahirah currently works at Nedbank as a developer.



Tech Resources

All the latest Tech Resources recommended by our Fearless Leaders,

The tech resources for this week focuses on blogs that offer invaluable tips, techniques and lessons on software development.

1. Code Simplicity: <https://www.codesimplicity.com/>

This blog focuses on making coding and the world of computing simple. it is written by Max Kanat-Alexander – a Software Engineer at Google and the Chief Architect, Release Manager and community lead of the Bugzilla Project.

2. Mike Cohn's Blog: <https://www.mountangoatsoftware.com/blog>

This blog offers Agile and Scrum guidance and you can subscribe to receive tips on how to succeed with Agile. Mike wrote some of the first books available on Java Development and has worked with startups and Fortune 40 companies. He is the co-founder of Agile Alliance and Scrum Alliance.

3. 6 Revisions by WebFX: <https://www.webfx.com/blog/web-design/>

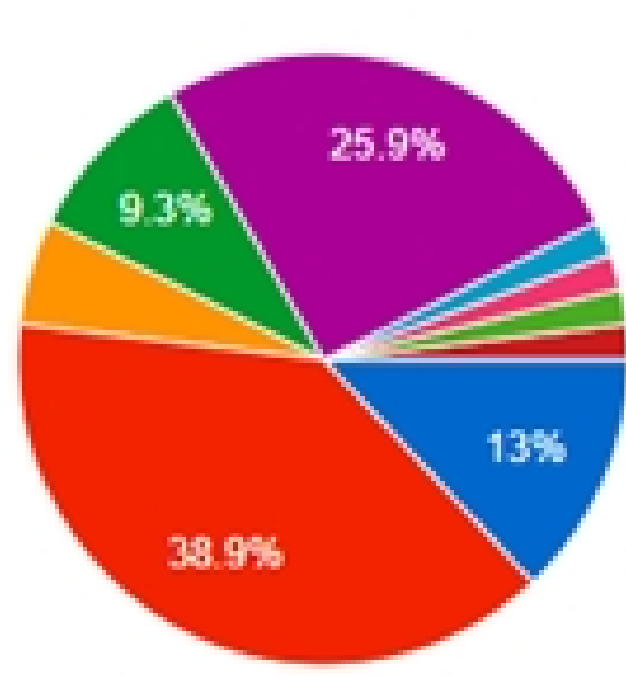
Aimed at web developers and designers, it is a publication sharing “articles, guides, tutorials, news and other forms of content for people who design and build sites and apps.” The site offers guidance on UX and UI design as well as speaks about HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

Last Week's Survey

What do you do to cope with long sessions of coding during quarantine ?

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54 responses



- By sustaining myself with the nectar of the gods; coffee is life.
- Music; it uplifts the soul and pushes m...
- Meditation; being one with the univers...
- Reading; losing myself in another worl...
- Exercise; keeping the body active bur...
- Praying and connecting myself with T...
- Using both music and binaural beats.
- Browsing the internet
- JK Lol it's music

UdemY Courses

This week we'd like to recommend something for the web developers of younglings.

This week's highlighted udemY course in “The Web Develop Bootcamp” by Colt Steele. And while it usually goes for R2 200, at the moment it is 87% off, going for R290. It teaches you basic HTML, CSS and JS, which is a good refresher, but in addition to this it focuses on Bootstrap, jQuery, Node JS and many additional concepts, fundamentals and techniques.

You can find the course over here to get more detail about it: <https://www.udemy.com/course/the-web-developer-bootcamp/>

Spotify Coding Playlist

This section is usually reserved for playlists to listen to while you're hacking away at the keyboard and coding your next great project, but this week, we'd like to highlight some podcasts that'll help you in your journey as a software developer:

Working and/or studying by yourself takes a great amount of dedication and discipline, and sometimes we're drawn to things that distract us. To combat this, you can listen to this Lofi playlist while working alongside a youtuber 130mood. Seeing her work alongside you is a great motivator to keep at it, and I highly recommend giving this playlist a shot.

You can listen to it over here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLSwl3sX7rYmRsUjEMfZ0GRd9cfxMHQJ1->

Podcasts to inspire you:

1. Front End Happy Hour:

Described as “A podcast featuring a panel of Software Engineers from Netflix, Twitch and Atlassian talking over drinks about all things Front End development,” This podcast mixes work and pleasure into a pleasant cocktail filled with valuable information and advice.

You can find them at <https://frontendhappyhour.com/>. Each episode contains a handy transcript, so that you can look through it for any handy advice you'd like to make note of.

2. Command Line Heroes:

“Command Line Heroes tells the epic true tales of how developers, programmers, hackers, geeks, and open source rebels are revolutionizing the technology landscape.” This podcasts highlights the stories of software developers. The current season; Season 5 provides practical insight into the working life of software developers, and the industry as a whole. Intrigued? Listen over here: <https://www.redhat.com/en/command-line-heroes>

Birthdays

A special shoutout to all the August babies.

Mapula

- 2 August

Busie

- 2 August

Ley Lo

- 4 August

Yibanathi

- 5 August

Lusanda

- 7 August

Midzo

- 7 August

Blaq_Child

- 11 August

Mihlali

- 27 August

Lubabalo

- 29 August