



TIPS FOR YOUR FIRST SWE ROLE

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YOUR FIRST WEEK

- Meet your coworkers and mentors
- Filling out paperwork
- Configure your device (access to repos, software download requests, etc.)
- Your manager will explain what your team is responsible for in the company and catch you up with what they're working on
- Familiarize yourself with your team's existing codebase



LEARNING A NEW TECH STACK

- You may need to learn new programming languages or technologies when starting a new role
- In my experience I have found it helpful to take an intro course online (LinkedIn Learning, Udemy, etc.)
- After that, you can pick up the rest of the language on the job- Google is your best friend!
- Learn how to use the documentation of your choice
- Use resources like w3schools and Stack Overflow but be sure to not copy code from these resources



ASKING FOR HELP

- It is OK to ask for help!
- If you are stuck your team would much rather you ask for help than struggle in silence

TIPS:

- 1) Pick the right person(s) to ask
- 2) Email them with the issue that you are having and that you would like help. Ask them to set up a time to meet when it is convenient for them
- 3) Document everything that you have tried and the result
- 4) Be as clear as possible with what you need

STAYING ORGANIZED

- Regularly check your calendar and email inbox throughout the day
- Have a place set up where you can write things down in a hurry -> I would create a OneNote page for every week where I could write things down
- Take notes for every meeting of the key points, even if it is only a few bullet points



THANK YOU!

