

# Group Activity - Thank you, good luck, and farewell

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Thank you for your participation. I realize this class can be confusing, challenging, overloading, and maybe even boring for some of you.

Becoming a professional after having been a student for roughly 18 years can be a real challenge.

As I've said before, it is always easier to perform at a lesser level of discipline and formalism than what you are used to than it is to operate at a higher level.

Being an excellent professional requires lots of practice and a concerted effort to stay current. The biggest challenge many of you will face is remaining current in order to be able to continuously deliver quality and value, when so many things are changing, and you are trying to have a satisfying and joyful home life.

Getting **placed** is not good enough. You need to be on a path to a good career that not only pays you enough money, but also brings you satisfaction and happiness.

If you are not having fun while you do all of these things, seriously start exploring other ways to make a living. Be honest with yourself.

If you are "tricking" the interviewer or cramming for the interview in order to get the job, what happens next? Will you be able to do the work day in and day out? Will you be able to move forward in your career and get the promotions you will need to make the kind of money you are your family believe you should be making? (Only lottery winners will be driving fancy BMWs and living in spacious penthouse apartments two years after graduation... or their families were already wealthy. For the rest of us, it will take many years of hard work and investing wisely in developing a career to get there.)

I wish you all the very best that life has to offer.

Farewell and as you start out on your career, godspeed!