# Pr**Pros and cons of being a programmer**

Pre-reading tasks (group work):

1. Why have you decided to change your place of work/ to retrain (переквалифицироваться)? Why have you decided to become a programmer?
2. Was it a tough decision for you? Have you considered all pros and cons?
3. What seems to be the most appealing (привлекательный) to you in programming?
4. Do you think it’s important to have a talent for programming? Or what is more important is being persistent and patient?
5. How many hours do you spend on studying programming?

# **Vocabulary:**

# Pros and cons - плюсы и минусы

# (Steady) Wage level - стабильный уровень зарплаты

# Benefits package - пакет льгот

# Demand (for) -спрос

# Labor shortage -нехватка раб. силы

# At smn’s expense - за чей-то счет

# Cope with the task - справиться с задачей

# Wit - ум, остроумие, сообразительность

# Deal with issues - иметь дело с задачами

# Entrusted to - возложенный на кого-то

# Work remotely - работать удаленно

# Sedentary work - сидячая работа

# A notorious problem-печально известный

# Mundane tasks (to carry out mundane tasks) - примитивные задания, выполнять примитивные задания

# A jack-of-all-trades person - мастер на все руки

# To mark-up - верстать

# Configure the server - настраивать сервер

# A drawback-недостаток

# Inextricably connected with- неразрывно связанный с

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# It is important to understand that the work of the programmer can be different: some work for a small agency, some for a huge one, others are freelance or have their own business, etc. More often than not, programmers work for a company. Let us see what pros and cons are here.

# **Pros:**

# ● Steady, relatively high wage level.

# ● Benefits package. In addition to vacation, there are insurance and some other bonuses.

# ● Demand. There is a labor shortage on the market. And the higher the qualification of specialists the more demand for them.

# ● Training courses at a company's expense. Often companies welcome professional growth of their employees and pay for trainings, conferences, courses, etc.

# ● Education is of secondary importance. It is a fact. At any interview, you will be asked to take a test / have a conversation with a specialist/solve a problem. The employer will make the decision based on how you will cope with the task.

# ● Good working conditions. Have you ever been to a steel mill? And to a sewing room? But in the office it is usually quiet and comfortable.

# ● Often the work is creative. Solving non-standard tasks using wit is exactly what programmers are paid for. It is worth noting that the more qualified a specialist the more interesting issues he or she has to deal with.

# ● Can combine with study. Experience has shown that well-motivated employees can perform tasks entrusted to them even working part-time.

# ● Career and salary growth depends on qualifications, not on the length of time worked. This is not an army - you do not have to work for 20 years to become a colonel.

# ● Can work remotely. Many companies are not afraid to hire employees to work remotely. This allows you to choose a comfortable place to live and work.

# **Cons:**

# ● Sedentary work in front of computer screen. On the other hand, this is a notorious problem and large corporations often open fitness centers, put in punching bags and ping-pong tables.

# ● The work can be boring. Occasionally you have to carry out mundane tasks.

# ● There is not much communication. The network of work contacts of the programmer usually consists of no more than 5-10 people. Extraverts and sociable people will need some time to adapt to the way it is.

# ● In small projects, you have to be a jack-of-all-trades person. Sometimes a specialist have not only to code, but also to mark up, configure the server and communicate with a client. It is a drawback of small studios and agencies.

# The profession of the programmer offers great opportunities, because the future is inextricably connected with the development of information technology. And in general, it is important here to have talent and love what you are doing.

# If you are determined to become a programmer and move to the top of your career in IT, knowing the pros and cons listed in this article is useful to you.