

# Tips From the Time Machine

**Things I Wish I Had Known When Starting a Career as an  
Android dev**

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***What advice would I give  
myself?***

# Where's the technical filling?

- How to handle a click?
- Fragments vs Custom views?
- Enums Y or N ?

# Where's the technical filling?

- ***Not As Important As It Always Seems***

# To the Time Machine

- Finding your first job
- Growing into your first role
- Building your career

# ***Finding Your First Job***

***"do you have what it  
takes?"***

# Finding Your First Job

- Define your goals
- What is your ideal self? Your hobbies? Your interests?
- ***Don't chase a resume checkmark***



# Finding Your First Job

- Don't disqualify yourself
- Experience comes in many forms
- Highlight what you have

# Finding Your First Job

- Honestly evaluate companies and whether they serve in reaching those goals
- Know why you are interviewing at a company
- ***Something beyond "it's a job" is preferable***

# *Starting Your First Job*

***"do you know enough?"***

# Starting Your First Job

- Where is your desk?
- What is expected of you?
- Where and how are bugs tracked?
- What's a sprint? What's a scrum?
- Where's the code? How is it structured?
- Where is the coffee machine?

# So Many Questions

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- How do you feel about those questions?
- Are you comfortable with "I don't know"?

# So many questions

- Questions are perfectly normal
- You don't have to know everything
- Be open & honest about what you do know



***Do you want to learn? or  
do you want to never be  
wrong?***

# Why ask?

- Learn faster
- Greater productivity
- Develops trust & confidence

# Shouldn't You Know These Things?

- They already hired you.
- You have the skills and are worth investing in
- Open and honest curiosity/learning is the best way to develop that investment

# *Building Your Career*

***"are you doing enough?"***

# How do you stay up to date?

- Embrace the change
- You won't know it all

# What should you focus on?

- What is relevant at work?
- What are you interested in?
- What keeps you excited?
- What can you explore without sacrificing your personal life?

# Maintain perspective

- Don't let trivial things wear you down
- Remember that no one is doing "all the things"
- Don't sacrifice your personal life
- Be aware of how you impact those around you



# Dream Big

- Understand your motivations
- What do you want it to look like?
- Take meaningful steps towards that vision
- No single blueprint

***This Is Hard***

finding answers  
imposter syndrome tool evaluation  
libraries  
so many questions emulators  
do everything? overwork learning tools  
lifecycles find a company  
shortcuts hiring stay up to date  
planning job requirements  
bug tracking trends ide architectures  
new team documentation  
solo or team?  
constant change  
giving input best practices  
code review standing out  
activity vs fragment

WordItOut

# *Imposter Syndrome*




# Imposter Syndrome

***a pervasive pattern of dismissing accomplishments and believing that their success would disappear once others discovered the awful secret that they were, in fact, “impostors.”***<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://impostorsyndrome.com/valerie-young/>



-  PEOPLE WHO GET IMPOSTER SYNDROME
-  OTHER PEOPLE WHO GET IMPOSTER SYNDROME
-  LITERALLY EVERYONE ELSE (THEY ALSO GET IMPOSTER SYNDROME)

EVERYONE FEELS LIKE AN IMPOSTER  
SOMETIMES, AND THAT'S OKAY

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# Imposter Syndrome

- Seek to understand
- You're not alone

# You Are Not Alone



# You Are Not Alone

- There is an entire community of individuals experiencing the same things
- Engaging with that community is incredibly rewarding
- It doesn't just happen

***So what would I tell  
myself?***

# So what would I tell myself?

- be curious. ask questions. step out of your comfort zone.
- you are enough. give yourself a break. your work is not you.
- seek and build connections with those around you. develop a support system.

***It's hard to have an  
impact when burnt out,  
alone, and afraid***

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