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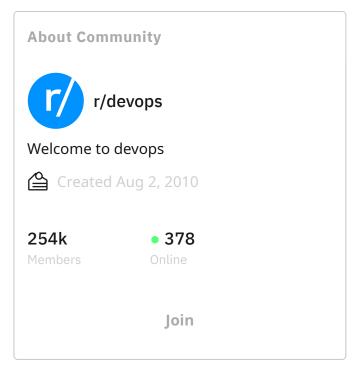
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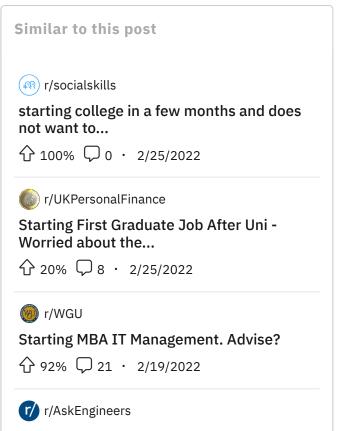
Have been working biz role out of uni for ~4 years and just started as jr. DevOps engineer. My only experience is automating routine tasks and analysis with Python and pandas (biz IT degree in uni). I was desperate to leave my old role and team I joined was a willing to train me.

Curious if this is a good place to start, big picture, if I want to potentially get into other SWE roles or if this sort of pigeon holes me. Not that it would necessarily be a bad thing, good pay and fully committed to learning everything I can in DevOps, just curious of people's opinion.











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It can depend on what exactly the team you've joined is doing but a DevOps team can be a great team to join if you want to get to do a wide variety of tasks and keep your options open for lateral movement down the road.

The flip side of this and why a lot people don't agree with taking on juniors is because you can end up doing a wide variety of stuff across a lot of disciplines requiring both a good depth and breadth of knowledge and skills to execute.

I know you didn't ask but if I can give a bit of unsolicited advice, accept ahead of time that the role might be a bit overwhelming at first and that it might not all click for awhile but when it does you should be in a really good position to pursue whatever you want to next.





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Electronic-Tea-600 OP

I appreciate the advice. Definitely a bit overwhelming, but I really enjoy learning for the sake of learn. And especially love learning new tech. Good thing is that I didn't exaggerate my skills so everyone knows where I stand. Will to put in the time to learn and do the dirty work that sr devs hate. But excited to hear that it can open some different paths.







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LaOnionLaUnion · 10 mo. ago

Modern software development benefits from DevOps knowledge. Granted, every company that uses the term seems to use the term differently. I think you could go back to SWE after doing DevOps for a few years at some companies that ask their developer to have DevOps knowledge. Not every employer sees the value of it, but I'm also not usually interested in those jobs anyhow. lol







Electronic-Tea-600 OP

Appreciate the response!









durple · 10 mo. ago

I think you can go from devops to a lot of things especially at a startup but going to swe seems hard to me. As much as there is overlap and strong relationship, you're better off taking a few months for a boot camp and going right into software than trying to learn swe as a devops junior.







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Electronic-Tea-600 OP

Makes sense. I finally found a project I'm really interested in working on outside of work, so I'm hoping that will give me the skills over time. But appreciate the response and the fact that it won't be a simple transition if I do decide to go a different route (it never is I guess).







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IntuiNtrovert · 10 mo. ago

a junior is expected to know nothing but just have a brain and do what you're asked and learn very quickly. you're not going to get fired but you need to study on linux academy or something

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Electronic-Tea-600 OP

10 mo. ago

Makes sense. Appreciate the response.

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8ersgonna8 · 10 mo. ago

I think it will be difficult to move from devops to SWE, especially if you are a bit older. There is definitely a problem with discrimination related to ageism when employers look for developers. Mainly because the technologies keep changing and younger people usually are more up to date. But it feels more natural that someone a bit more senior is in a ops/devops/architect position.

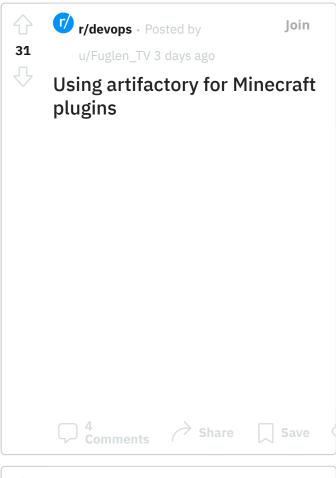
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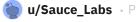
This may be true, but I choose to ignore these sorts of things that are beyond my control. I can only control my attitude and work ethic, so if I don't get a particular job I will internalize it and work to be better.



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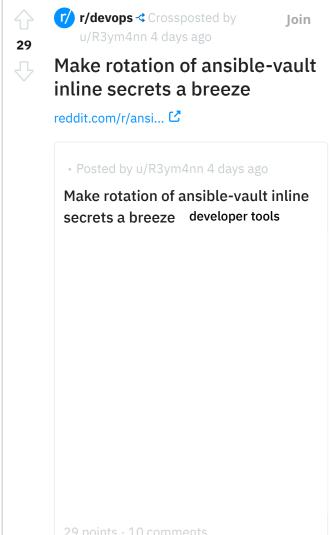


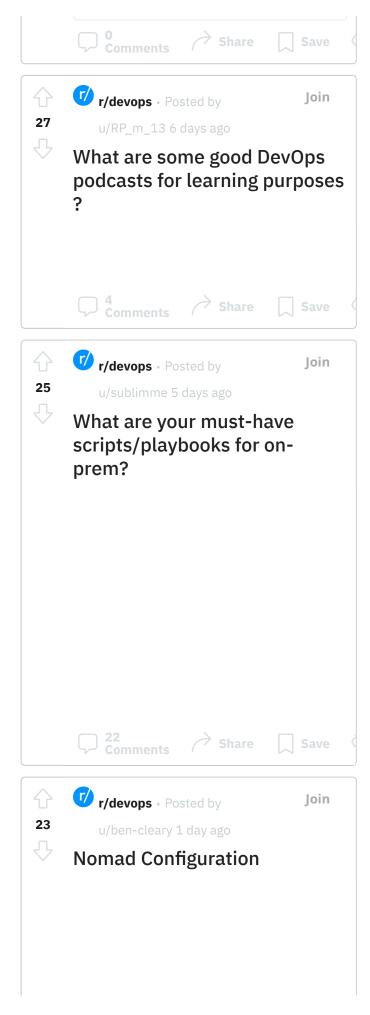


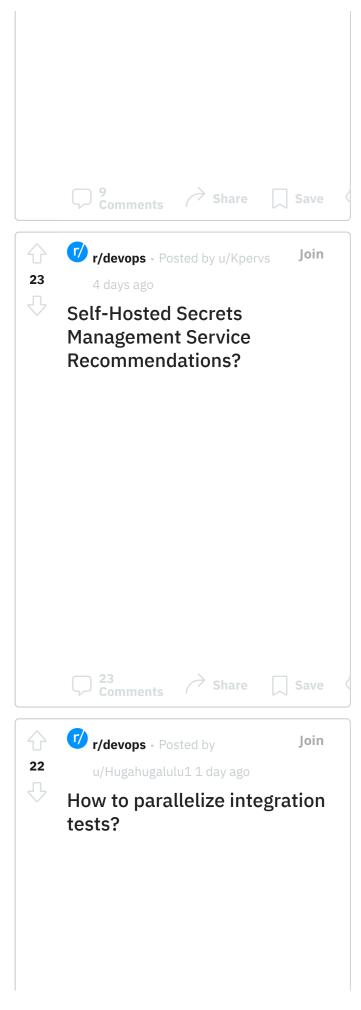
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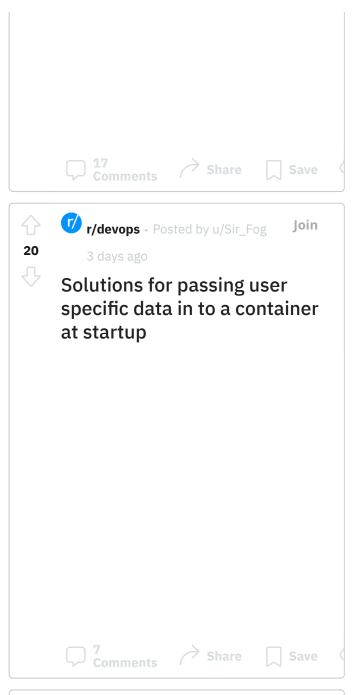
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