



Building the Universe We Love, Remotely

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Hello!

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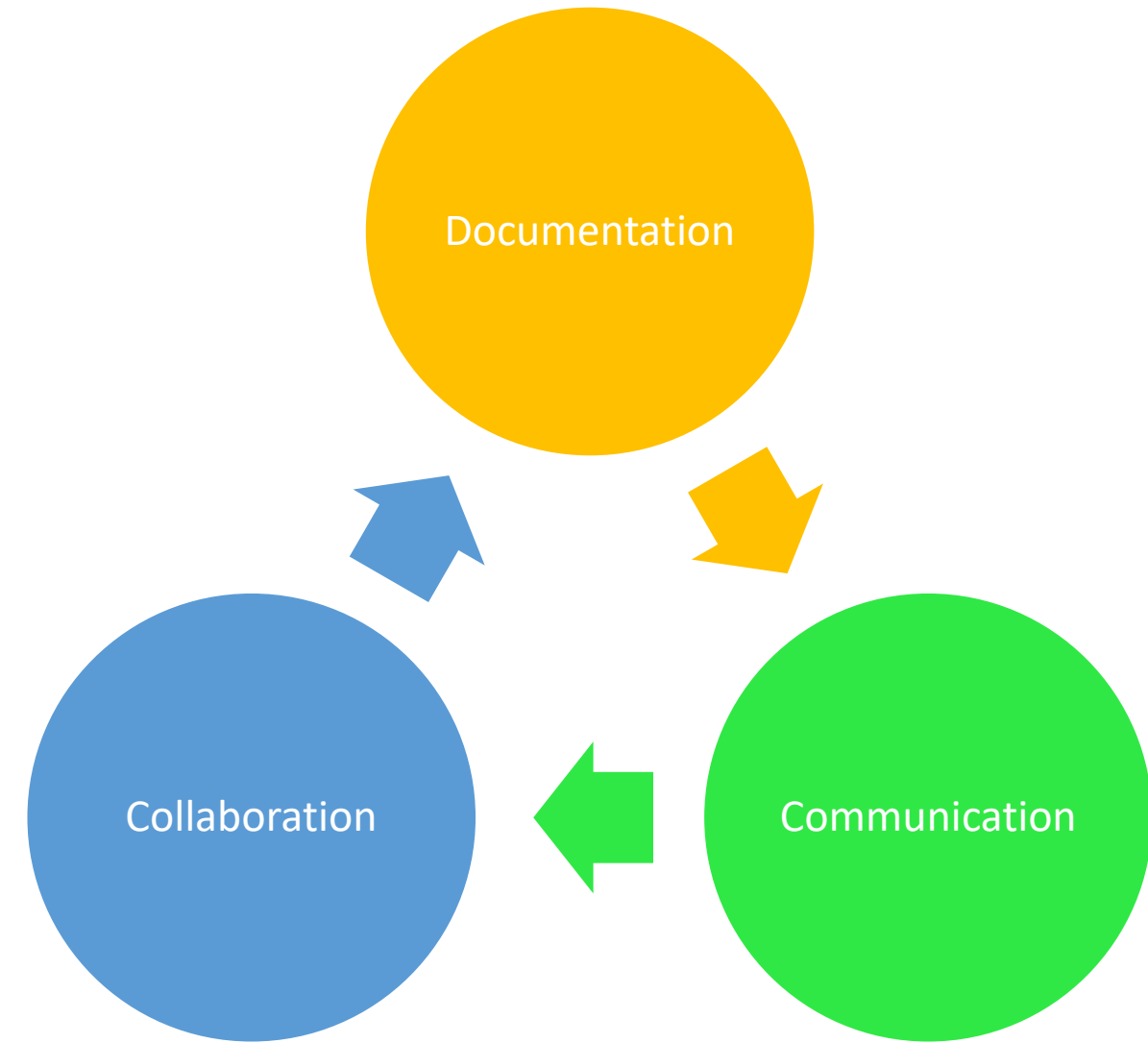
Where I Come from



Where I Hope To Go



Remote Themes





Starting Out Remotely

Where do you look when you want to learn to code?

Document Goals and Progress



- Figure out a problem and build an app to solve it.
 - Find a curriculum you want to follow in a language or package.
 - Give a talk for a local group or at a conference.
 - Write a blog post once a month.
 - Contribute to an open source project.
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Some Great Places to Start



Document Format

- Learn Python the Hard Way
- Hitchhiker's Guide to Python
- Mozilla Development Docs

Video Tutorials

- Udacity & EdX
- Khan Academy
- Treehouse
- Trey Hunner Weekly Python Chat

Communicate With Other Learners And Teachers



CodeNewbie
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The most supportive community of programmers and people learning to code. #CodeNewbie TwitterChat every Wed @9PM EST + Podcast weekly. Created by @saronyitbarek

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@ThePracticalDev

Great posts from the amazing dev.to community, with some opinion and humor mixed in. Created by @bendhalpern. Join dev.to!

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Collaborate In Person Through Meetups



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Python Nigeria Meetup

Lagos, Nigeria · 1,827 members · Public group ?



Organized by
Chilezie Unachukwu and 1 other

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Document The Work You Are Doing

- Find or create projects with a shareable outcome
- When you learn something or complete a project, write a blog post about it.
- Keep your online presence up-to-date (Twitter, LinkedIn)
- Promote yourself. You are awesome!
- Promote your communities. Your communities are awesome!



Finding Remote Work

Building your brand and your network.

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Whether we like it or not, being from a country that's not US, UK, France, etc. automatically gives you some...let's say 'labels.' Labels that you have to (whether they are actually realistic or not, and usually they're not) fight against... That means I need to get around that. And the way around that is getting them to know me. Enter networking.

~@z_anderle



**If they don't give
you a seat
at the table,
bring in a
folding chair.**

**Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm
First African American Woman
Elected to Congress**



Communicate And Build Your Network At Conferences



Collaborate On An Open Source Project



A Python code editor for
beginner programmers.

“Contributions are welcome without prejudice from *anyone* irrespective of age, gender, religion, race or sexuality. If you’re thinking, “but they don’t mean me”, *then we especially mean YOU*. Good quality code and engagement with respect, humour and intelligence wins every time.”

Your First PR



A diverse community is a strong community. This means accepting people of all levels of experience, from all backgrounds, of all races, creeds, orientations and expressions. The BeeWare project is committed to **developing and maintaining a diverse, welcoming community**. We

have an **open offer to mentor anyone** who wants to get involved as a more accessible to new contributors, by helping contributor, backed up by a [Code of Conduct](#) that is rigorously enforced. through the use of well written issues and

Our goal is to make the open source community more accessible to new contributors, by helping project maintainers lower the barrier to entry through the use of well written issues and



Working on Remote Teams

Tools for success on a remote developer team.

Document Your Work



Team

- Agreements
- Expectations
- Procedures
- Best Practices
- Success
- Learning

Individual

- Goals
 - Accomplishments
 - What Works For You
 - Success
 - Learning
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Document With Rubber Duck Debugging



Meet Nutmeg, my
“rubber duck.”

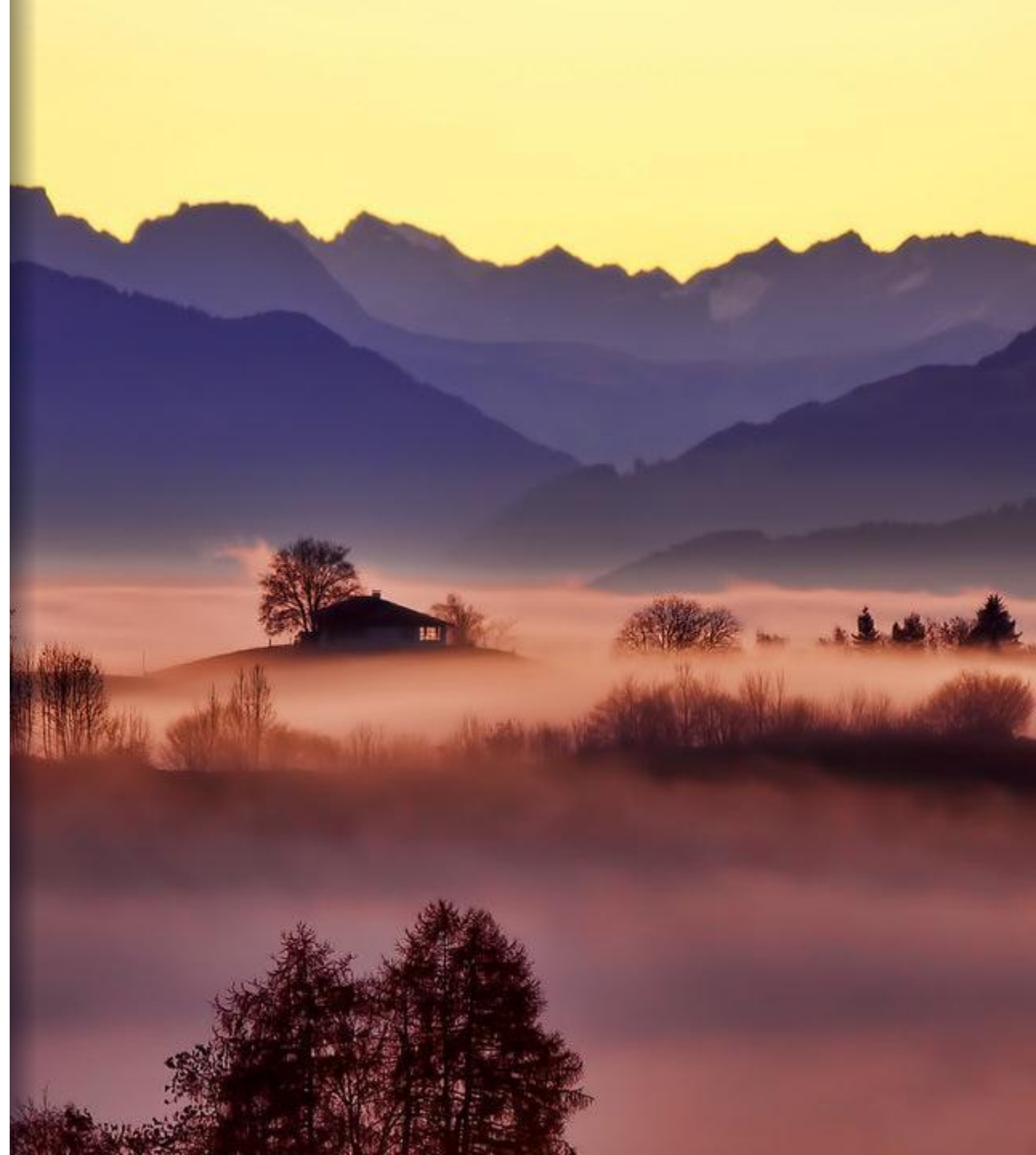


Communicate Effectively In Writing



Fine.

· ***Communicate*** on a human level, about more than work.



Now, let's
build the
universe we
love,
together.



Thank
You!

