7 MISTAKES
YOU SHOULD AVOID
AS A PROGRAMMER

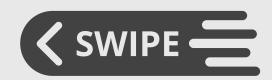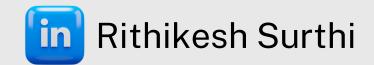in Rithikesh Surthi

SWIPE

- **NOT TESTING YOUR CODE THOROUGHLY**. IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CODE IS WORKING AS INTENDED AND IS FREE OF BUGS BEFORE YOU DEPLOY IT. THIS CAN SAVE YOU A LOT OF TIME AND FRUSTRATION DOWN THE LINE.
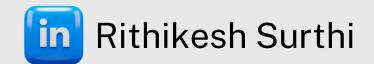
- **NOT COMMENTING YOUR CODE**. WHILE IT MAY SEEM LIKE A WASTE OF TIME, ADDING COMMENTS TO YOUR CODE CAN HELP YOU AND OTHERS UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR CODE IS DOING AND HOW IT WORKS.
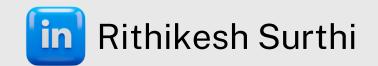
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SWIPE

- **NOT ASKING FOR HELP** WHEN YOU NEED IT. AS A PROGRAMMER, YOU WILL INEVITABLY RUN INTO PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES THAT YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO SOLVE. DON'T BE AFRAID TO REACH OUT TO COLLEAGUES, MENTORS, OR ONLINE COMMUNITIES FOR HELP.

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SWIPE

- **NOT KEEPING YOUR CODE ORGANIZED** AND CLEAN. IT'S IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW GOOD CODING PRACTICES, SUCH AS USING DESCRIPTIVE VARIABLE NAMES AND KEEPING YOUR CODE ORGANIZED AND EASY TO READ. THIS WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU AND OTHERS TO WORK WITH YOUR CODE.
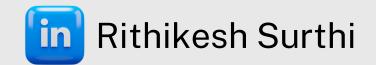
- **NOT STAYING UP-TO-DATE** WITH NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES. THE FIELD OF PROGRAMMING IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING, SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND LANGUAGES. THIS WILL HELP YOU STAY COMPETITIVE AND RELEVANT AS A PROGRAMMER.

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SWIPE

- **NOT PRACTICING GOOD VERSION CONTROL.** VERSION CONTROL SYSTEMS, SUCH AS GIT, ALLOW YOU TO TRACK CHANGES TO YOUR CODE AND COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO USE VERSION CONTROL TO KEEP YOUR CODE ORGANIZED AND TO AVOID LOSING WORK.

SWIPE

- **NOT TAKING BREAKS** AND LOOKING AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH. PROGRAMMING CAN BE A MENTALLY CHALLENGING AND TIME-CONSUMING TASK. IT'S IMPORTANT TO TAKE BREAKS AND LOOK AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH TO AVOID BURNOUT. THIS WILL HELP YOU STAY PRODUCTIVE AND HAPPY AS A PROGRAMMER.

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