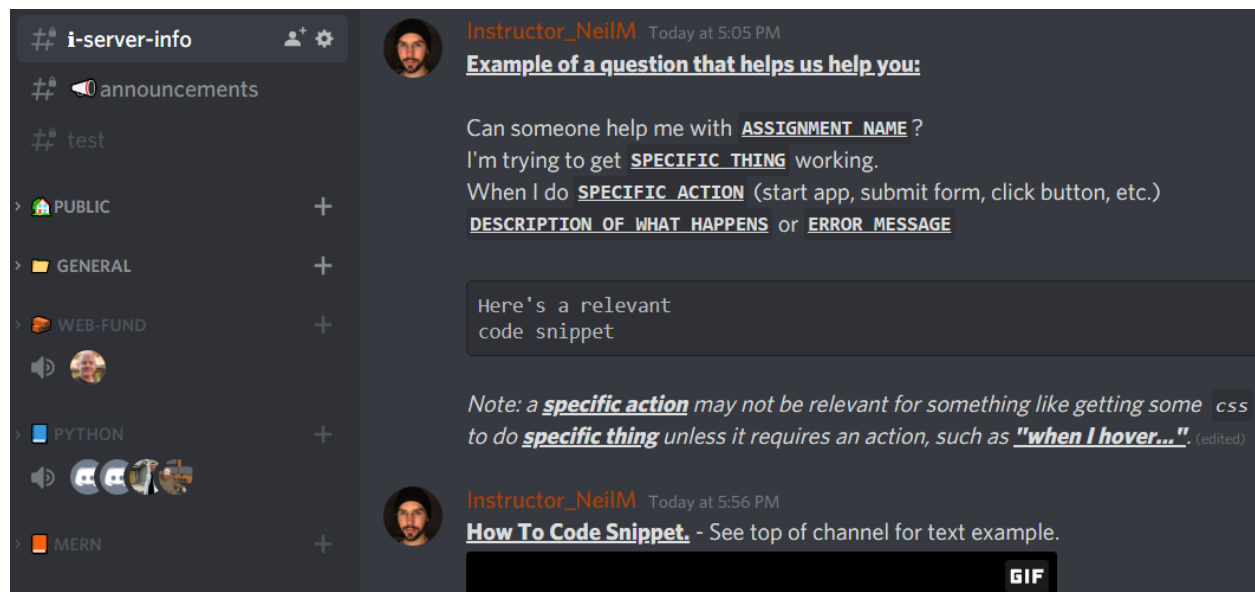# Better Questions -> Better Answers

- Formulating a good question is a skill that needs to be practiced if you want to maximize the chance of getting good answers, whether you are asking your teacher, boss, or doctor a question.
- Via the process of trying to formulate better questions, you will end up reviewing the information you have and think about it from the reader's point of view, which will often result in you forming a clearer view of the issue yourself.

Don't Do

- "My app doesn't work."

Do this

Asking For General Help

- If you don't have a question and just need to ask for general help, that's fine. However, you should still aim to be specific and provide some useful information about what you need help with. Which assignment? What specifically is confusing you?
- You could also try thinking of a specific question, this could lead you to discover a starting point and clarify a path forward.
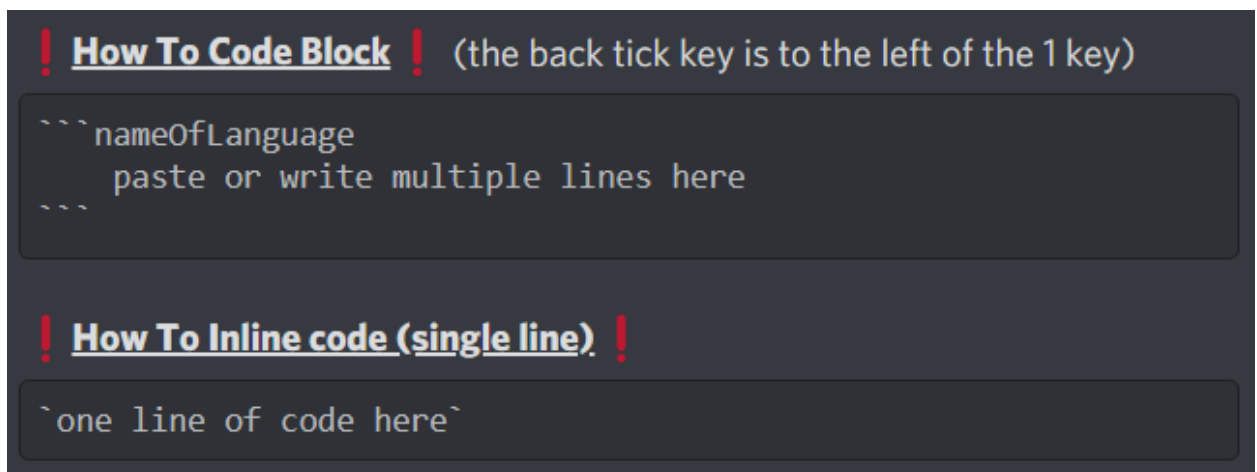
Background Information

- What assignment is it from?
- What have you already tried doing?
- What triggers the error, if there is one?
- What did you google? This is possibly an opportunity for us to show you a more precise search query.

Be Specific and Concise

- Try to anticipate what questions the person who is trying to answer your question will have, and try to include those details up front. What do you know that they don't know?

Share Code Snippets

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Share Error Messages

- If you don't have an error message, say so, if you do, share it as a code snippet or a screenshot.
- When does the error message happen? Whenever you do something specific?

Share Your Interpretation

- Do you have a suspicion of what might be causing the problem?
- Do you have a partial idea of what might fix it but haven't been able to implement it?