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Would you be interested in using a software system to help you with better commands or code snippets organization?

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What type of user-interface would you prefer?

- ☒ Web application
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What is your Occupation?

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How many years of software development experience do you have? *

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Stack Overflow

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Ability to test the code

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Financial Analyst

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Support for Python, C++, JS, P5, Java

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+: answers can be modified as languages and techniques evolve.

-: Search is a bit clunky (using Google is easier)

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- ☒ Other: Vsc plugin

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Entertainment Industry Manager / CS Student

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Search, ability to share and see other ppl's posts, code snippets that actually run, an easy to use menu

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

Stack overflow :)

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Ability to up vote answers is v helpful. Missing maybe a

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Full time student

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File sharing and copy and paste from one person to another

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I like the professionalism of the site and the fact that the responses are ranked.

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Data Scientist

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Basic help with Git / Github and using these through the command line. How to get started with unit testing / TDD in your ide/environment. Very quick overviews of basic syntax for popular programming languages so you can get started easily.

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Stack Overflow

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

It isn't really a feature but the huge amount of people that use it means you've got a great chance of finding your answer quickly. I feel as though very short videos to go with answers would be a great addition

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What is your Occupation?

Stay at home dad (and CS student)

How many years of software development experience do you have? *

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Snippets of the same algorithms for each language.

Ability to at least submit more refined functions

Ability to easily run the functions in the app passing in parameters to see the expected output

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Stack overflow. Or API docs

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Sense of community.

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Other: My own react framework has a prebaked app with snippets

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What is your Occupation?

Developer

How many years of software development experience do you have? *

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Versioning

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Stackoverflow

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Code block formatting is great.

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What is your Occupation?

Student

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search by language

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stackoverflow

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the breadth of the knowledge base

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software engineer

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Searchability, that code to solve a particular problem is easy to find

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stackoverflow

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I like mostly, the content. Missing? structure

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What is your Occupation?

Operator

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Fast and easy to search

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

Stack overflow

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

It generates good answers by user voting.

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What is your Occupation?

Web developer and Fitness instructor

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a beginner's guide

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<https://stackoverflow.com/>

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What is your Occupation?

student

How many years of software development experience do you have? *

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ability to bookmark particular answers that I have found for future reference.

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

slackoverflow

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

the great number of users means answers are there even for rare situations

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programmer

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Being able to share bookmarks in a convenient way would be quite nice.

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

Stack Overflow

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

Voting/Reputation system helps to find the best answers. However, the website is quite dry and generally unfriendly, so I'd say it lacks a way to thank people more personally.

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Web: mobile and especially desktop would be a limitation for me (and quite challenging to support all the main OS for this agile project ;))

What is your Occupation?

Software developer

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Different folders or categories for types of code or languages, a search bar for quick searching, a sandbox area for running snippets of code.

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

Github pages

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

Ability to combine regular markdown with code snippets and the ability for audience to make pull requests for changes to the pages for suggestions. It makes for a very collaborative platform.

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A method to delete or mark as deprecated, old, wrong, and useless information

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

StackOverflow

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that it works without logging in!

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- ☐ Desktop application
- ☒ Other: built into the text editor, preferably VS Code

What is your Occupation?

Developer

How many years of software development experience do you have? *

10+

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A drawing board for expressing and illustrating ideas.

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I not at that level, but I just Google everything, and usually use Stack Overflow

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

It is easy to add comments and code snippets

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What is your Occupation?

Student

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Very good search functionality

In app code editor

Easy to use

Navigation must be easy

File sharing option

Save and download option - useful code snippets can be saved locally, or on GitHub, etc.

Ability to comment on code snippets

Longer code tutorials in addition to short code snippets

Save useful code snippets on my user profile page in the application

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

Stackoverflow, w3schools

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

Likes - good voting system

Dislikes - search functionality on stackoverflow is not very good

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not sure I understand the concept sufficiently to answer yet

What platform do you use the most to find knowledge relating to commands, code snippets and methods people use in software development or engineering? *

Stack Overflow; or else documents for the tool I'm using

For the platform you mentioned above, what features do you like the most and what features do you feel are missing? *

Like best: targeted answers to specific problems; missing: not much

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What is your Occupation?

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How many years of software development experience do you have? *

Amateur: 5, Professional: 0

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better understanding of question

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