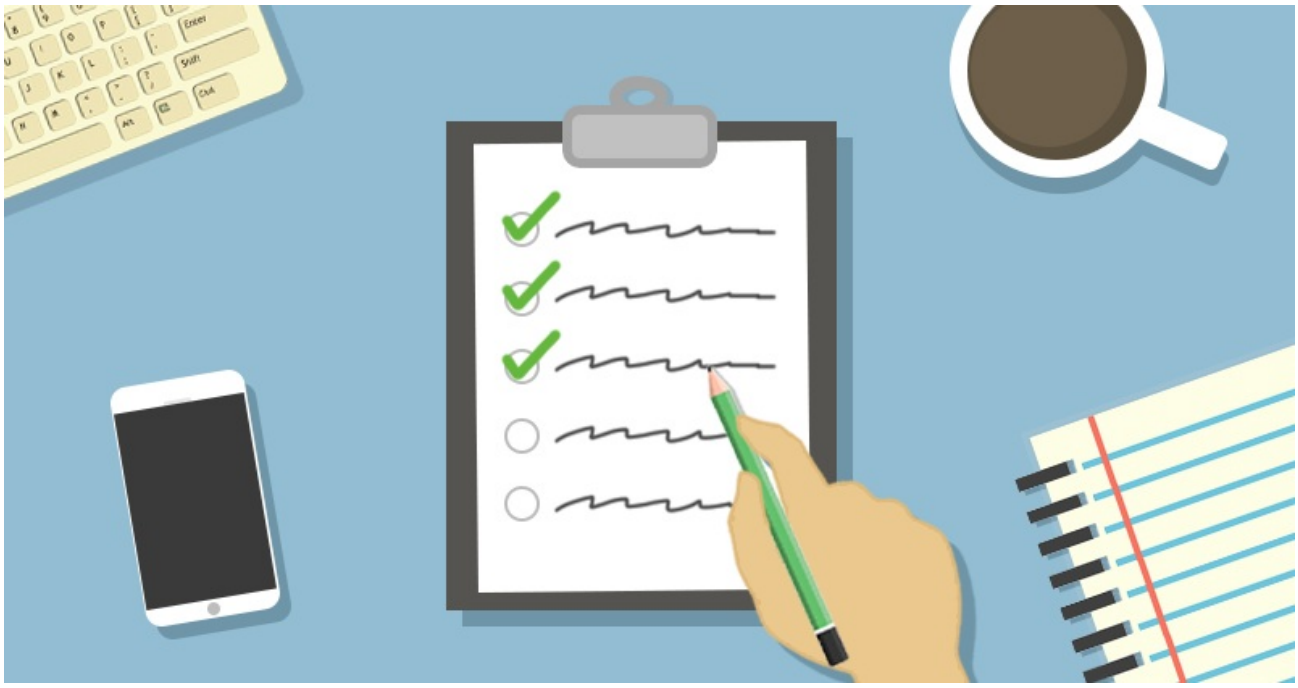
Software Developer Career - 50 steps to change your career

Get your Software Developer Career in the Right Track, and work on the Best Projects with the Best Teams!



Start with finding your Focus!

- [ ] Create a focus statement - I help [people] to do [this] so they can have [that]
- [ ] [people] = the specific people ou want to meet and associate with
- [ ] [this] = it's what you do, what you are or want to be an expert at
- [ ] [that] = it's what [people] want. What is that they want more?

Get your Blog in Shape

- [ ] Define the specific topic of your blog based on your focus statement
- [ ] Choose a descriptive domain name
- [ ] Create a list of 30-50 possible subjects for posts
- [ ] Write and publish a post from one of those topics (get started!)
- [ ] Decide now one day of the week that you will post, and add to your calendar

Use Twitter! But the right way.

- [ ] Choose a good name and create your account if you don't have one
- [ ] Follow 30 “top” posters in your interest area (from your focus statement)

- [ ] Your profile: the description is your focus statement. Add a picture and a banner.
- [ ] Browse Twitter to locate content about the o topics you listed for your blog
- [ ] Add your twitter to your blog and promote to everyone you meet

As a developer, you must be on GitHub

- [ ] Create your GitHub account if you don't have one http://github.com
- [ ] Learn how it works: publish some code you already have
- [ ] Learn forking: create a fork of an existing project
- [ ] Learn Pull Requests: with a friend, submit and approve a PR

Tools that you Must Master

- [ ] Git (learn to collaborate) http://www.git-scm.com
- [ ] Jenkins (learn to automate) http://www.jenkins.io
- [ ] Containers (Docker) (learn about infrastructure) https://www.docker.com
- [ ] Issue Tracker (learn to organize your projects)
- [ ] Object Oriented Programming (learn to program)
- [ ] Create a Web Application (learn a complete stack)
- [ ] Access the Database (learn to handle data)

Having a Mentor will accelerate your career

- [ ] Talk about your career with someone who is more experienced
- [ ] List 3 tips that your mentor told you and you intend to follow (write it down!)
- [ ] Read books about other developers and what they did http://ridingthecrest.com

Networking is all about meeting other developers...

- [ ] Meet at least 3 other developers you don't know (can be online)
- [ ] Talk about your projects and hear about their projects
- [ ] Find similarities and differences among the projects

Participating on Events will expand your Networking

- [ ] Go to a meeting at a local Java Users Group
- [ ] Join online events. We run several at Code4.Life https://www.code4.life

Open Source is the Best Way to learn Software Development

- [ ] List at least 5 open source projects your are interested http://github.com
- [ ] Find at least 3 small problems in 2 or 3 of those projects (bad documentation, small bugs, etc)
- [ ] Try to solve one of these problems, what would take?
- [ ] If you are satisfied, submit the solution to the project

Doing a little Self Promotion is important

- [ ] Learn a little about what is a landing page and a lead magnet https://www.entrepreneur.com/article/285172
- [ ] List some ideas and create a lead magnet
- [ ] Create a landing page to distribute your lead magnet

Presenting your ideas will push your Career forward

- [ ] Present about something you learned to your co-workers (at lunch?)
- [ ] Prepare a Google hangout and invite a few friends to attend
- [ ] Present a talk about something you know at a technical school or university

Networking: Meet an open source developer

- [ ] At an event or a User Group meeting, introduce yourself to an open source developer
- [ ] Take a picture (maybe a selfie), tweet the picture and tag the person
- [ ] Study something in their blog and ask a real question

Networking: Meet a Community Leader

- [ ] Attend a Java User Group meeting and meet the JUG leader that is running it
- [ ] Subscribe to the group and follow the leader on facebook/twitter
- [ ] Send an email introducing yourself to the leader or the group
- [ ] Send an email offering to help or asking how to create your own group

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