

Making it big: The insider's view on building a successful career in software development

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You've studied programming, operating systems, databases, and even wrapped your head around NP completeness. What will it all mean when you get into the working world? Will good grades in school translate to success in the business world? How much money can you really make as a software developer? Will the professional goals you have today be at all similar to what you'll aspire to 10 or 20 years from now? What makes some people more successful than others in corporate Canada? Learn the inside scoop in Sam's talk.

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