

PRONUNCIATION

EXERCISE 1

Listen to the audio recording (track 1.2) and repeat the names of the following tech professions.

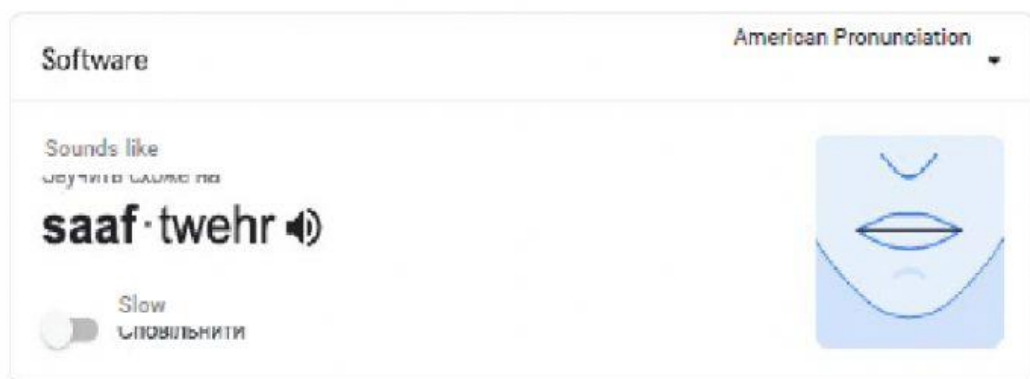


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- Software developer
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- QA engineer
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- architect
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- DevOps
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- business analyst
/'bɪznəsˈan(ə)lɪst/
- machine learning expert
/məˈʃiːnˈlɜːnɪŋˈɛkspəːt/
- programmer
/'prɒɡræmə/
- UI/UX designer
/'juːaɪdɪˈzʌɪnə/
- marketer/marketing specialist
/'mɑːkɪtə/ 'mɑːkɪtɪŋˈspeʃ(ə)lɪst/
- CEO/CTO/COO
/'siːiːəʊ/ 'siːtiːəʊ/ 'siːəʊəʊ/

PRONUNCIATION TIP

When you're not sure how to pronounce a word, just [type it into Google search](#) followed by "pronunciation". You'll be able to switch between American and British pronunciation and adjust the speed of the recording.

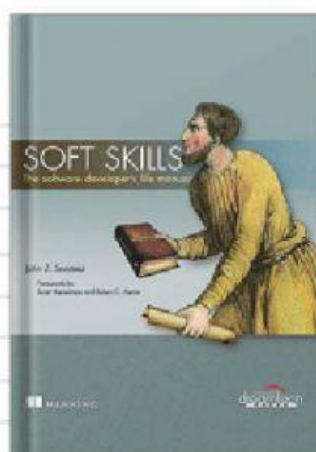


SPEAKING & SOFT SKILLS



BOOK RECOMMENDATION

Soft Skills: The Software Developer's Life Manual by John Sonmez.



ANGLISH TIP
English For IT

What are soft skills and why do you need them to advance in your tech career?

Soft skills (or "people skills") help you collaborate with people, handle negotiations and discussions and work as part of a team.

Unlike hard skills (knowledge of job-specific tools, technologies, methods etc.), soft skills are applicable in all professions and will allow you to communicate and do your job much more effectively.

For deeper understanding of the topic Hard and Soft Skills, read the explanatory presentation in our Google Classroom.

EXERCISE 1A

First impressions matter! That's why it's important to be able to create a positive first impression by introducing yourself and your job in a clear and engaging way.

Listen to the three dialogues (tracks 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5) and answer the questions.

In which dialogue does the speaker:

- a) Give an example of what they regularly do.
- b) Explain what their job is using simple words.
- c) State the impact that their job makes on the world.

DIALOGUE 1 (track 1.3)



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- Nice to meet you, Lisa! What do you do?
- I work ___ robotics. I'm a design engineer.
- Oh, wow! What is that?
- Well, my job is to design how the robot is going to look. I also _____ that all the technical components we are using will actually work when we put them together.
- That sounds really exciting!
- It is! Anyways, what do you do _____?

DIALOGUE 2 (track 1.4)



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- So, you're a freelancer, huh?
- Yeah, I'm a _____. I mostly work on my own. On an average day, I get a new project from a client, estimate how much time it will take, _____ of the design, code it up and send it to the client.
- It's probably a fun job.
- What I like about it is that I can do a really _____ of projects. For example, right now I'm working on an e-commerce website for a pretty big company and next week I'm going to work on a blog for a fashion designer!

DIALOGUE 3 (track 1.5)



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- So, your sister tells me you own a business?
- Yes, I _____ that help developers and business owners meet and network with each other. We have 2000 users right now. 400 of them found a job in the last 3 months and 80 of them are now building their own startups!
- Really! That's amazing!
- Thank you! So what about you? Where do you work?
- I actually work _____ a small web agency as a back-end developer. I can _____ full-stack development as well and, in fact, I'm currently looking for a full-stack developer job.
- Sounds like you could use my platform!
- Totally! What's it called by the way?

