Practicum

Software Engineer track

Syllabus

Each sprint lasts 2-3 weeks and takes up approximately 20 hours of study per week.

10 months in total

Introductory course

This course will take you through the fundamentals of software engineering and cover the basics of HTML and CSS. You'll do this by working through a series of miniprojects on the interactive platform, including a playlist cover and a landing page.

1 week 10 hours

Chapters

- 1. Introduction to HTML and CSS
- 2. Basic CSS Properties
- 3. More CSS
- 4. Your First Independent Project

Onboarding to the Full Program

Learn more about the Software Engineer program. Find out how the training process is structured and how to set up your computer to write code.

3 hours

Advanced HTML and CSS

In this course, you'll discover just how much HTML and CSS have to offer by working through chapters about flexbox, animations, forms, positioning elements, and embedding media content. You'll also learn how to organize your code and structure projects using the BEM methodology, as well as how to manage your project with Git.

80 hours

Sprints & Chapters

Soft Skills

Projects

Sprint 1. 3 weeks

- 1. Flexbox
- Advanced HTML and CSS Capabilities
- 3. BEM Methodology
- 4. Positioning Elements
- 5. File Structure and File Paths
- 6. Git for Beginners

- How to Set Goals
- Project 1
 Landing page
 HTML, CSS

Sprint 2. 3 weeks

- 7. Useful Things to Know Before You Get Started
- 8. Embedding Content
- 9. Animation and Special Effects
- 10. Forms
- 11. File Organization with BEM
- 12. Advanced Git
- 13. Bonus Lesson: Debugging in Web Development

- How to Think Like a Developer
- Growing From Your Mistakes
- Project 2
 Landing page
 HTML, CSS

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Adaptive Web Design and Working with Layouts

Here, you'll get to see the kind of design specs professional software engineers work with and how to turn them into websites. You'll also build interfaces using Grid Layouts while ensuring that your site looks good on all devices, from desktop computers to smartphones.

40 hours

Sprints & Chapters

Soft Skills

Projects

Sprint 3. 3 weeks

- Working with Designs and Specifications
- 2. Design in a World of Ever-Changing Devices
- 3. Grid Layout
- 4. Developing an Interface for Different Devices
- 5. Expert Git

- Sketchy Briefs and Incomplete Design Specs
- How to Incorporate the Learning Process in Your Life
- Project 3 pt.1
 Social media web app
 Adaptive layout

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Basic JavaScript and Working with the Browser

This is where programming truly begins. Fully immerse yourself in JavaScript as you learn about the different data types you can work with and how to use them with statements, loops, and functions. Then, put theory into practice to create a fully functioning interactive website.

40 hours

Sprints & Chapters

Soft Skills

Projects

Sprint 4. 2 weeks

- 1. JavaScript Crash Course
- 2. Under the Hood of a Browser: DOM
- 3. Debugging
- 4. Perfecting Git Skills

- How to Manage Your Time and Resources
- Project 3 pt.2
 Social media web app
 Adaptive layout

Sprint 5. 2 weeks

- 5. Primitive, Conditions, and Loops
- 6. Arrays
- 7. Functions
- 8. Manipulating the DOM
- 9. Git Tools

- How to Work with Documentation
- How to Become a Valuable Contributor to the Tech Community
- Project 3 pt.3
 Social media web app
 Vanilla JS

- Sprint 6. 2 weeks
- 10. Objects
- 11. Event Handling
- 12. Working with Forms
- 13. Form Validation
- 14. Bonus Lesson: Debugging in JavaScript

Project 3 pt.4
 Social media web app
 Vanilla JS

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Applied JavaScript

At this stage in the program, we'll dive even deeper into JavaScript and tackle the key concepts you'll need to master in order to become a software engineer. You'll learn about Object-Oriented Programming, asynchronous code, and how to interact with servers. You'll also be introduced to different programs used to bundle project files together, add third-party dependencies, and upload your project to the internet.

120 hours

Sprints & Chapters

Soft Skills

Projects

Sprint 7. 2 weeks

- Object-Oriented Programming
- 2. Interfaces in OOP Part 1
- Chapter 3: Modular JavaScript

- Personal Branding for the Tech Industry
- Teamwork
- Project 3 pt.5
 Social media web app
 Vanilla JS

Sprint 8. 2 weeks

- 4. Destructuring Syntax
- 5. Interfaces in OOP Part 2
- Project Building with Webpack

Project 3 pt.6
 Social media web app
 Vanilla JS

Sprint 9. 2 weeks

- 7. Advanced Javascript:AsynchronousProgramming
- 8. Working with APIs
- 9. Chapter 9: Object Prototypes: Preparing for an Interview
- 10. Bonus Chapter: Open Source Projects

- Online Presence and Networking
- Project 3 pt.7
 Social media web app
 Vanilla JS

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Creating an Interface with React

Get acquainted with the React library and its ecosystem. You'll start off by creating websites made up of components that can be reused in different places. You'll then be able to build on this to create more complex interfaces much faster and write code that's much easier to maintain.

80 hours

Sprints & Chapters

Projects

Sprint 10. 2 weeks

- 1. Introducing React
- 2. React Tools
- 3. React Hooks
- 4. Advanced Javascript "this": Preparing for an Interview

Project 4 pt.1
 Web application
 React

Sprint 11. 2 weeks

- 5. React Router
- 6. React and Data
- 7. Advanced React
- 8. Whiteboard Coding: Preparing for an Interview

Project 4 pt.2
 Web application
 React

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Back-End Basics for Software Engineers

Building a web app means working with a server. You'll learn how to use the JavaScript runtime environment, Node.js, to write server-side applications. You'll use this knowledge to set up a server and create a server-side API for the website you made in the previous course.

160 hours

Sprints & Chapters

Projects

Sprint 12. 2 weeks

- 1. Server-Side Development with Node.js
- 2. Express.js 101
- Complexity Analysis of Algorithms: Preparing for an Interview

Project 5 pt.1
 Web application
 Back-end

Sprint 13. 2 weeks

- 4. Building a REST API
- 5. Databases
- 6. Error Handling: From Theory to Practice
- 7. Regular Expressions
- 8. Functions Under a
 Microscope: Preparing for
 an Interview

Project 5 pt.2
 Web application
 Back-end

Sprint 14. 2 weeks

- 9. Authentication and Authorization — Part 1
- 10. Chapter 10: Front-EndAuthentication with React
- 11. Chapter 11: Web ApplicationSecurity

Project 5 pt.3
 Web application
 Back-end + front-end
 authorization

Sprint 15. 2 weeks

- 12. Authentication andAuthorization Part 2
- 13. Chapter 13: Automated Testing
- 14. Chapter 14: Back-EndPreparation andDeployment

Project 5 pt.4
 Web application
 Back-end + front-end authorization

1-week break

Final Project

This is where you put everything you've learned throughout the program into practice and prove that you have what it takes to be a web developer. You won't have to complete any other assignments or work through any lessons on the interactive platform. It's just like real life: you'll have a task and a deadline, armed with nothing but your skills, knowledge, and a search engine.

120 hours

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Career Prep Course (Optional)

If you want some guidance on landing your dream job after completing the main program, the Career Prep Course has all the information you need. First, you'll cover some of the groundwork needed before you can start applying for jobs. This includes learning how to write resumes and cover letters, building an online presence on LinkedIn and GitHub, and growing your professional network. Once that's done, you'll focus on the different stages of the job application process, from job search strategies to interviews, all the way to negotiating an offer. The Career Prep Course is available after Sprint 9.

6 weeks 30 hours

Chapters

- 1. Life After Practicum
- 2. The Resume
- 3. Creating an Online Presence
- 4. Being a Networking Ninja
- 5. Acing Your Job Interview
- 6. Acceleration Kick-Off



Career Acceleration* (Optional)

Prepare for real-world interviews and gain experience through authentic practice. This program is designed to help you find a job and also provides extra work with technical skills. Attend mock interviews, get your career documents reviewed, and receive 1:1 career coaching that will take your job search to the next level.

up to 6 months

*Only available to students with a US work permit.

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Apiary Projects (Optional)

Gain confidence in solving work tasks by completing a project for a real company, providing them with a website or an app. Learn to communicate with clients, meet their expectations, exchange peer reviews with colleagues, and present results to a company. Apiary projects become available for participants after Sprint 10. They are also available after graduation.

4 to 5 weeks, 30+ hours