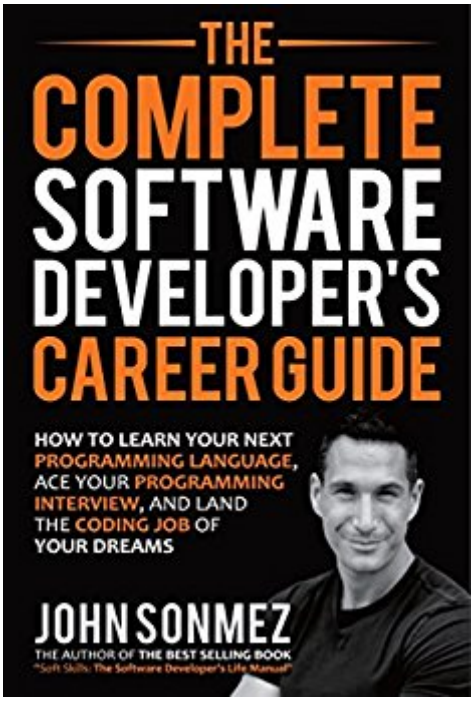
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John has masterfully condensed years of his personal experience in software development into the most complete guide for new and experienced software developers that I have seen. If you have questions about which programming language to learn, or what to expect from the interview process, or how to take your career to the next level (just to list a few), then this is the book you want to read! The book is thoughtfully arranged for novice and experienced developers so that it

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I love how if you’re anywhere in your career as a software developer or even haven’t started yet or just work closely with developers, this book gives you great insight in the software developer’s life cycle. I can remember back to when I was just starting out learning how to write basic HTML through Code Academy, this would have been a great read to show me how to further my education and to get that meaningful job that I wanted.Like the Drew Houston quote John put in the start of section one, "If you have a dream, you can spend a lifetime studying, planning and getting ready for it. What you should be doing is getting started." If you want to get started on your software development career, buy this book and take action on what is written!

Disclaimer: I’ve only managed to read the first introductory chapters, I will edit the review as I finish this (long) book.It seems to me that John has crafted again a book full of insights and good content, as he previously did with "Soft Skills".Just the call to "action and repetition" in chapter 1 and the warning about automation as the basis of software development in chapter 2 should inform the attentive reader about the high quality of the content inside the book.John says this book could be useful to beginners, mid-career developers and experienced developers, but I suspect that it also could be useful to an even wider audience, as for example managers with technical background.Recommendable. Keep it the good work!!

Thank you John for this book, which I find easy to digest in bite-sized pieces. It’s a book not just to read once, but have right next to you, just to remind you of all the great advice on your path as a software developer. As John so clearly states, there is more to developing software than just code, but as we all know, the code can literally swallow us. This book is vital to have at your side so when you do find yourself getting swallowed by code, you can get out alive. And then keep planning and acting on your goals.

John has a empowering insight on life and a clear path to how to improve yourself as a programmer and a person.He does a fantastic job of seeing things as they are in the Software Dev field and gives a ton of value with this guide.If you are a software dev and are even hesitating about buying

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I met John virtually through the Entrepreneur podcast he does with 3 other coders. Very impressed with his thinking style and investment strategy. Looking forward to finishing reading what promises to be an awesome book that I will share with my son in college whom I've been teaching coding to...

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