

# A SOFTWARE DEVELOPER'S STORY

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## TWO TRUTHS AND A LIE

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- I'VE TRAVELED TO OVER 20 COUNTRIES ON 4 CONTINENTS
- I WAS BORN IN NEW YORK
- I'VE MADE FRIENDS WITH A CHEETAH

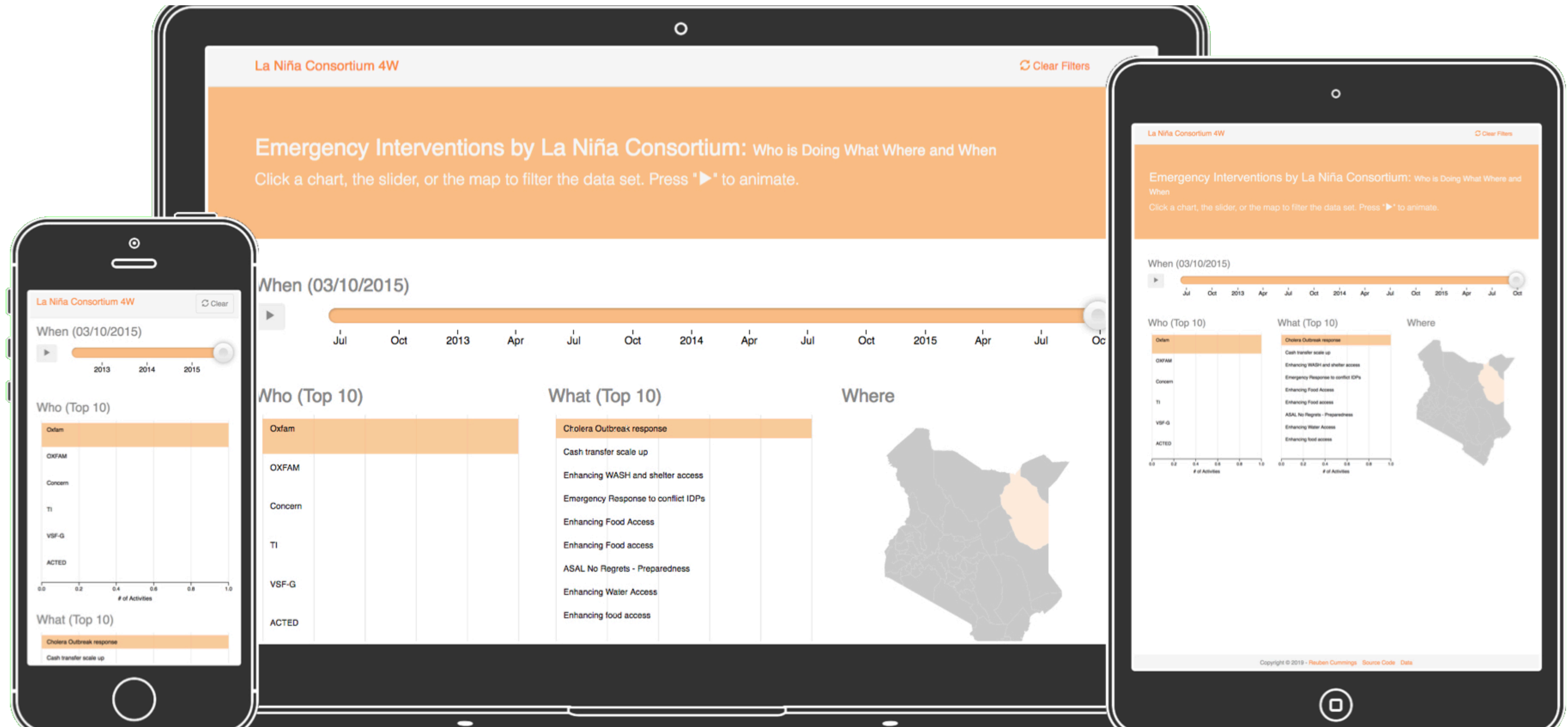




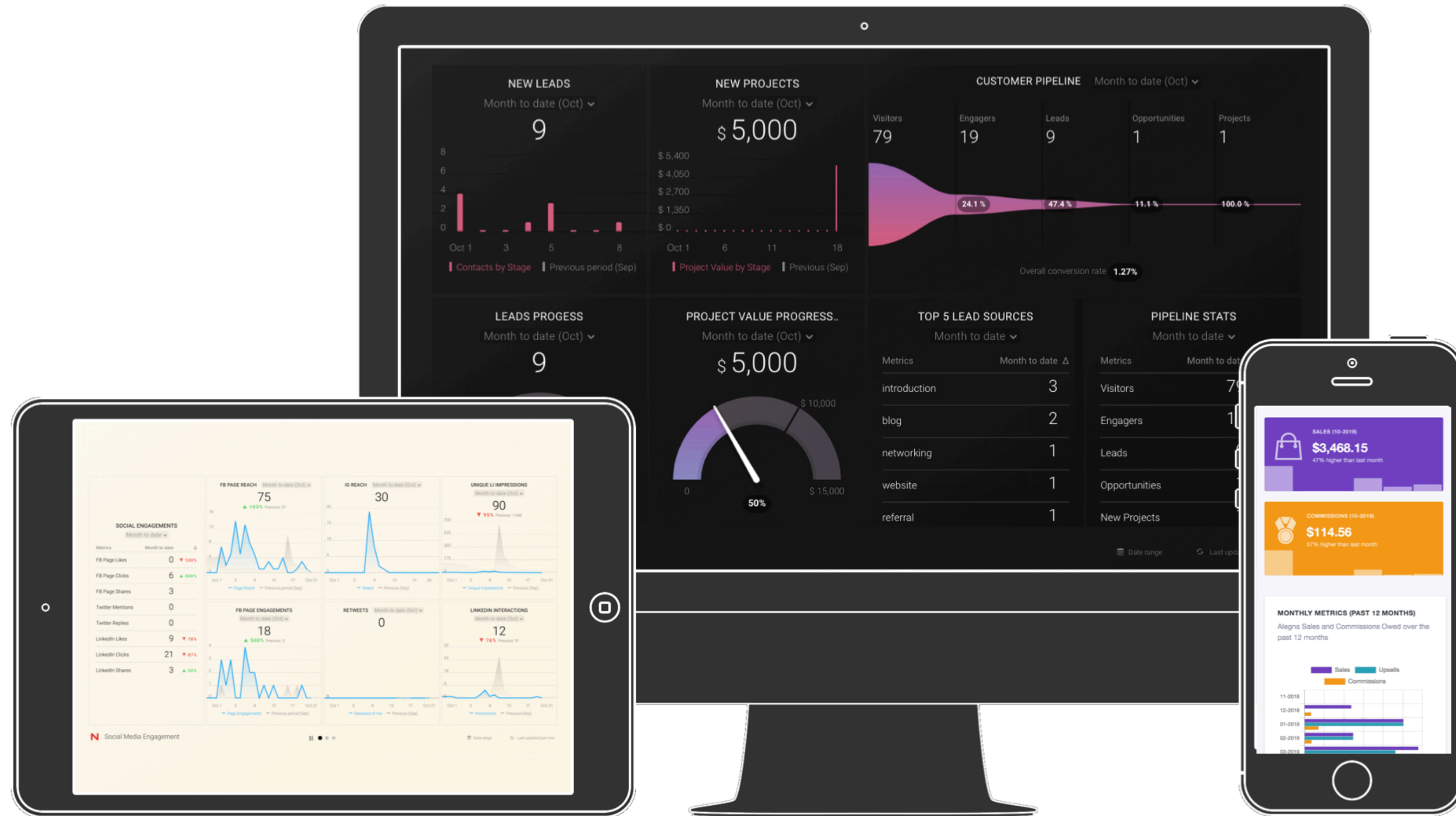
TRUTHS



WHAT IS A SOFTWARE DEVELOPER?



[SHOWCASE.NEREVU.COM/4W-VISUALIZER](http://SHOWCASE.NEREVU.COM/4W-VISUALIZER)



[SHOWCASE.DASHBOARD.NEREVU.COM](http://SHOWCASE.DASHBOARD.NEREVU.COM)

Providing high-skill, high-wage  
outcomes for underrepresented  
individuals living in poverty

## Get Started

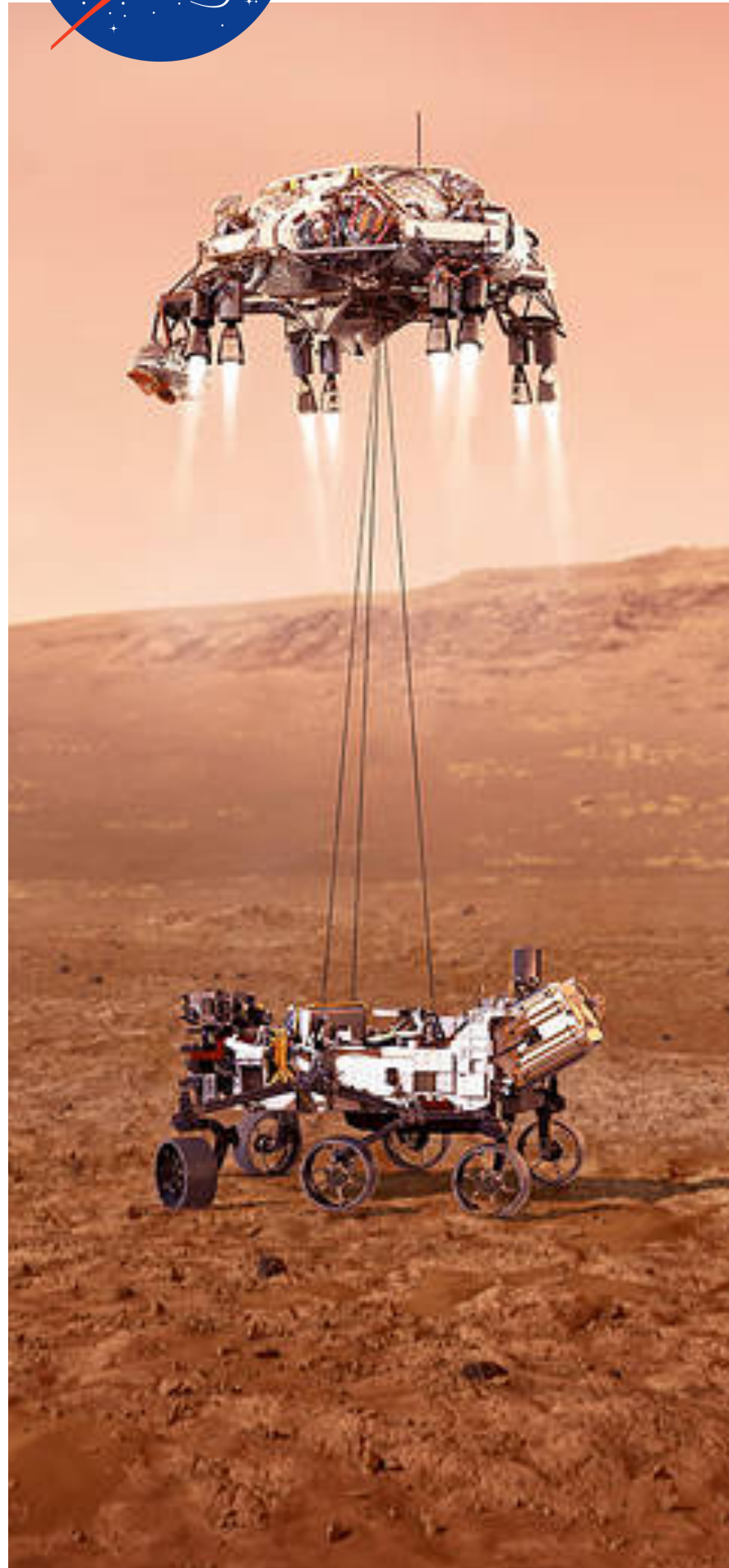
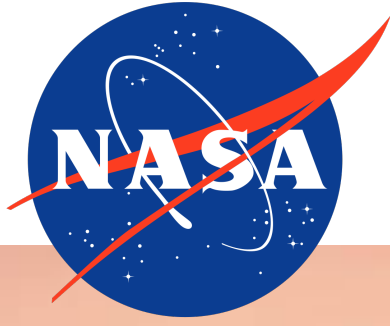
There are over 100 WEI  
programs offered by 17  
participating colleges  
throughout the state.

## High Demand Fields Offered



[WWW.ILLINOISWEI.ORG](http://WWW.ILLINOISWEI.ORG)





YouTube



TikTok



OSF HEALTHCARE

CAT



WHERE DO DEVELOPERS WORK?

## WHAT I LIKE ABOUT BEING A SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

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- SOLVING PROBLEMS
- DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT EVERY DAY
- ALWAYS LEARNING SOMETHING NEW
- EXPRESSING MY CREATIVITY
- WORKING FROM ANYWHERE

# Entry Software Engineer in Peoria, Illinois



Salary



Benefits



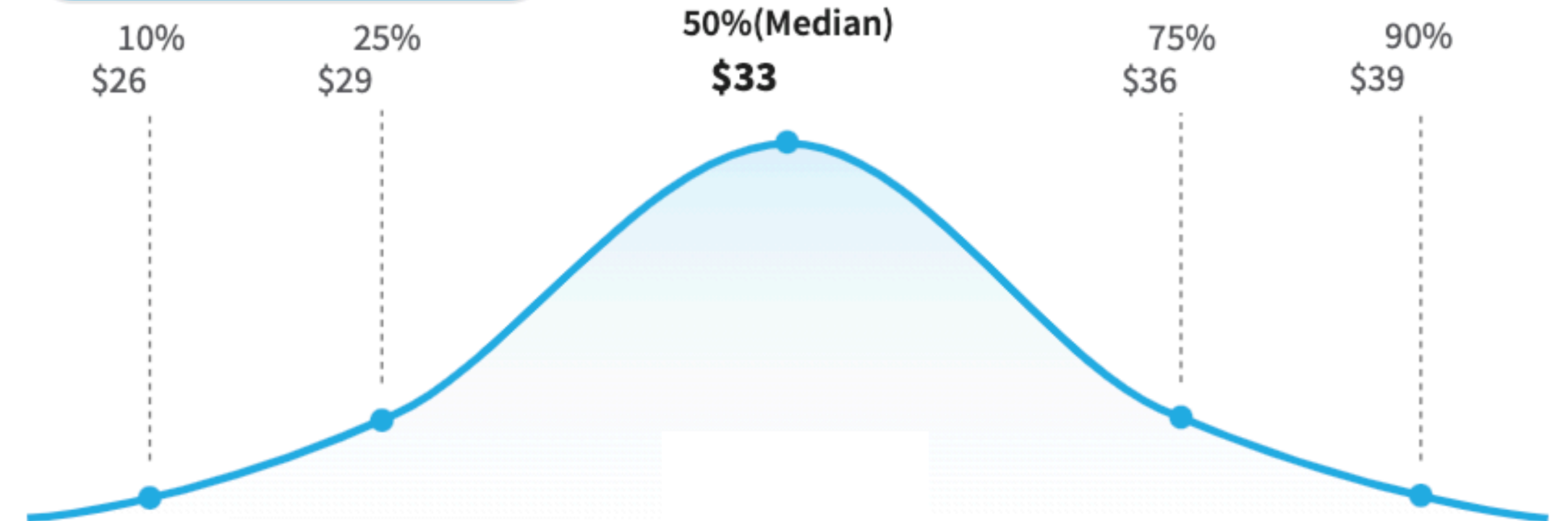
Job Description

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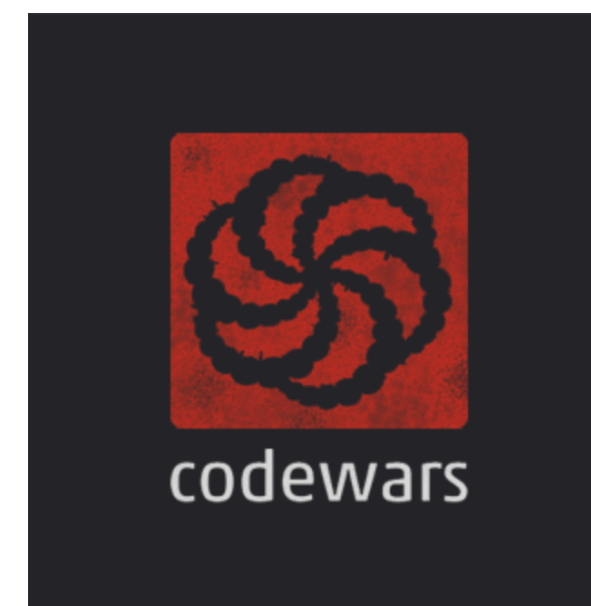


SOFTWARE DEVELOPER PAY ([SALARY.COM](https://www.salary.com))

## HOW CAN YOU START PREPARING?

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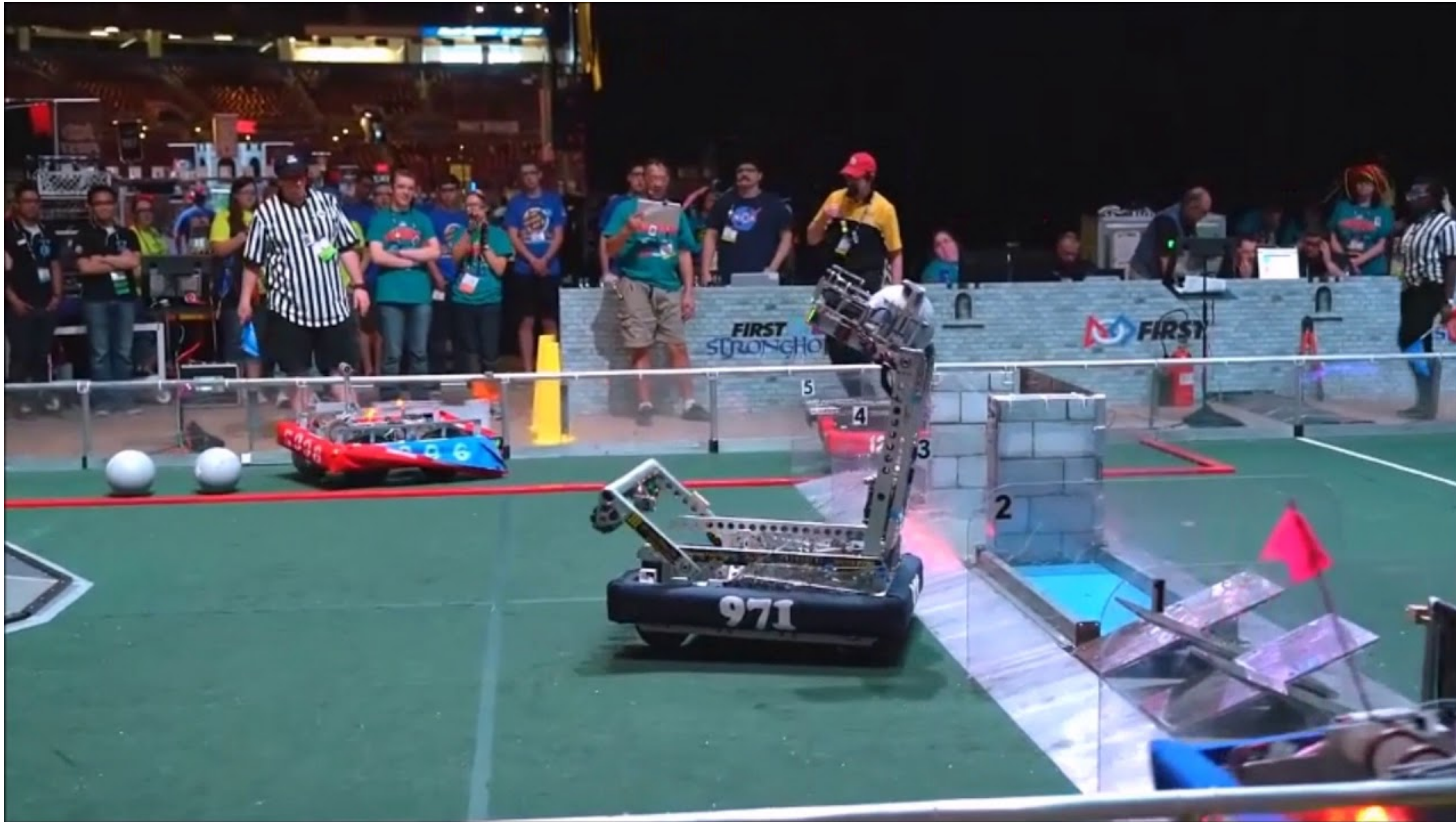
- STUDY IN SCHOOL  
(ESPECIALLY MATH)
- BE CURIOUS (AND ASK  
QUESTIONS)
- INVEST IN YOURSELF (LEARN  
A PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE)
- FIND YOUR PASSION (DO  
WHAT INTERESTS YOU)



RESOURCES



[SCRATCH.MIT.EDU](https://scratch.mit.edu)



[WWW.FIRSTILLINOISROBOTICS.ORG](http://WWW.FIRSTILLINOISROBOTICS.ORG)

# QUESTIONS?

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