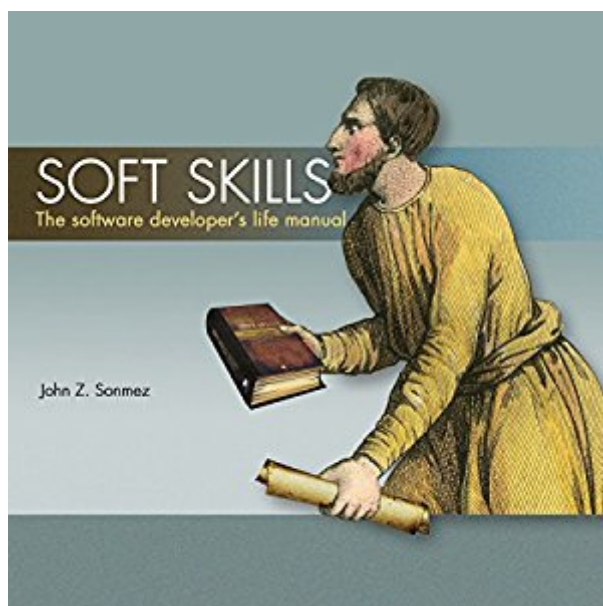


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# Soft Skills: The Software Developer's Life Manual



## Synopsis

For most software developers, coding is the fun part. The hard bits are dealing with clients, peers, and managers and staying productive, achieving financial security, keeping yourself in shape, and finding true love. This book is here to help. *Soft Skills: The Software Developer's Life Manual* is a guide to a well-rounded, satisfying life as a technology professional. In it, developer and life coach John Sonmez offers advice to developers on important subjects like career and productivity, personal finance and investing, and even fitness and relationships. Arranged as a collection of 71 short chapters, this fun listen invites you to dip in wherever you like. A "Taking Action" section at the end of each chapter tells you how to get quick results. *Soft Skills* will help make you a better programmer, a more valuable employee, and a happier, healthier person.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a book that everyone in the coding industry should read and keep on hand. There is a lot of great advice ranging from fitness to handling job interviews. What I found most useful was the chapter about building yourself as a brand. I have used it so far to connect with more professional people within the industry and push myself to work harder. The type in the book is large, which makes reading it really fast, and there is some decent humor to be found in here as well. Some of the chapters I didn't feel like applied to me as much, primarily the ones that focus on financial success, simply because I am not at the state yet, but it was still interesting to read about.

I'm glad I bought this book early in my career! I'm only 1 year into my professional career (early 20's) and I believe this book has given me the knowledge necessary to be a successful software developer and just a better person overall. I especially enjoyed reading the sections on productivity and learning how to learn. John has learned a lot of what he knows the hard way, through trial and error. I'm glad to have the opportunity to learn from such a knowledgeable professional. Since buying this book I have been reading John's blog and watching his YouTube videos which give additional tips on self improvement for software developers. I also liked that buying the book gives you access to the PDF because you can then listen to the book using one of the many available PDF to Speech mobile apps. This means I can commute and exercise while learning! (one of his multitasking tips) Well, now that I have finished the book, time to apply what I have learned! This book will be one that I refer back to over the years.

I had high expectations considering this book was coming from John Sonmez. I watch his videos every day on Youtube and wasn't sure whether this book would be on par with them. But this book is exceeding my expectations and came at a perfect time considering I will be applying for a software developer position for the Fall and feel like I have an edge over all the students I will be competing with. Thanks John!

There are some annoying things about this book: too many links to the author's blog; orientation to the author's way of working on; sometimes hardly constructed memories and thoughts. But apart from all those above it is extremely helpful and encouraging book about the fundamental principles for a software developer career. It gives you not only thoughts, but instructions and routines to follow. Moreover it involves you in thinking and inventing own way to be successful. Great fundament for further learning, especially for beginners.

John Sonmez is like John Maxwell and Robert Kyosaki of modern software development. He give lots of ideas, inspirational, and hopes to all passionate coders and developers. I don't know how good he is as software developer, but I am sure on his book, all developers will have a place in the map thru his brilliant advises from real-life adaptation. Here is my five-star rating for the book, and it's highly recommended to all programmers.

I personally benefited a lot from John's blog and his pluralsight courses so did not give second thought to buy his book and just loved it !! As it's title imply , this is a book for how you handle your

life as a software developer (not limited as developer ) , extremely helpful insights and tips , you wont regret buying it !! great work John!!oh by the way , the book come with free PDF version, kindle version which is awesome!

As a young Software Developer, this has really helped put some things into perspective for me. I've always loved John's blog and Youtube content, but this book just goes beyond and above what I had imagined. It really helps you to learn how to live as a developer instead of just how to write better code. I think this is a book that belongs in every developer's collection.

Great book from a fantastic author. I had never heard of John Sonmez before I purchased this book. I bought it on a whim and I completely fell in love. The organization of this book is outstanding, making it easy to digest each chapter.

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