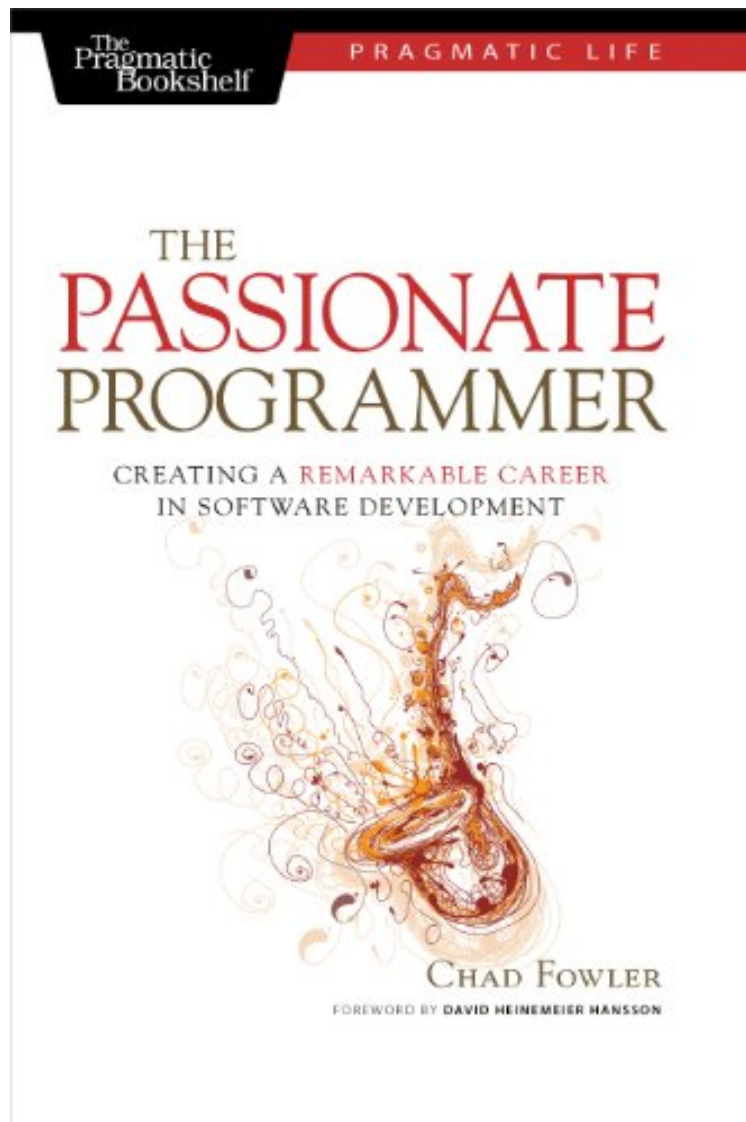


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Make your career awesome. By Roger Ngo I first read Chad Fowler's Passionate Programmer in 2015 while recovering from a medical procedure. At the time, I was working

remotely at my job as a recently turned Project Manager from Software Engineer at a .NET shop. I seriously thought at the time my career would take me into the "management" track and had assumed that it was what I was meant to do. Reading the book at the time motivated me to transform myself into becoming a better leader—a less angry, insensitive nerd who couldn't understand business. That was then. Fast forward to 2017, I've moved on from being Project Manager at "NET shop" and back into a Software Engineer at "Big-Cord". Picking up this book again recently has made me reflect on things I had missed the first time around. A side note: Practicing the ideals presented by this book has allowed me to take what I've learned as a Project Manager, and apply it to my Engineering self. The result? A more pleasant and personable person to work with. Passionate Programmer speaks to me in that we all don't have to move into some "management" role to grow our career. We can stay as engineers if we want to! We just need to be AWESOME engineers. Awesome is a heavy word; What does awesome mean? Know your worth. Be confident and learn to say No if something simply can't be done. A Yes then to a manager becomes more valuable coming from you. People who can't admit that they don't know something tend to be more insecure, anyway. Do what it takes to be and stay valuable in your realm. Don't be afraid to come off as the "worst" one in your group. Take it as a learning experience, and improve! Take time to learn and reflect deeply on the industry in combination with what you currently know. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Be ever changing in your thoughts and opinions. Things move on fast, so it's less than ideal to cling onto and not be able to question an idea that was once great, but not so anymore. Not much bad about this book! It's a light and casual read and I highly recommend it for any Software Engineer who is just starting out their career at the Junior level, up to the Mid-Level. There are a lot of great takeaways and I think it's read best once and then revisited again. Bonus—I thought it was hilarious when Chad Fowler gave a stern warning about not focusing too hard on technology like Java. His reasoning was that Sun Microsystems could go down under any day. Surprise, surprise. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Read it twice, and still consult it. By Arthur I loved this book, so much that I read it twice, and I keep going back to it. This book provides fifty-three career tips on building an extraordinary career. I relish books like these. It was a straight talking book free from fluff, arrogance and double-talk that was impossible to put down. I read it at any opportunity. Even though it was aimed at software development, it is relevant in almost any career you choose. I love writing. Other than crafting a technical explanation in an email to a customer, it's not something I get much of a chance to do. The author encouraged me to go out and explore my love of writing even more. It has also piqued my interest in software development and I'm currently undertaking an online course in Objective-C programming and rekindled the interest from programming back in my University days when I learned something for the sake of learning rather than for a job and/or having to pay the bills. My life is better now because of this book. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. You Can Implement These Tips Today. By Peter J. Dudek If you're looking for an inspiring software development book with practical advice on how to become not only a better programmer, but a better employee, communicator, and overall balanced person, I highly recommend The Passionate Programmer by Chad Fowler. As software developers, we have the unending pressure and desire to continually improve our craft, to stay ahead of the curve, and not become obsolete in an ever changing industry. Chad offers useful tips on how to improve personal productivity within one's current place of employment, expand industry knowledge and confidence by contributing to open source software, and brand oneself by becoming a helpful member of the software development industry as a whole. Self evaluation and incremental, daily goals empower the developer to achieve these tasks. Even those of us with an already busy schedule can daily implement small drops of Chad's advice to the bucket of our career which will help keep each of us relevant and useful in the software development industry. Each chapter is short and the book is laid out in such a way to make it difficult to put down. Perhaps the first non-fiction book that kept me up late reading for a few nights, I found each of the 53 tips relevant. And each chapter/tip is followed by a call to action with very do-able suggestions to help you implement the tip. Well worth the read and I'm already attempting to put Chad's advice to practice!

Success in today's IT environment requires you to view your career as a business endeavor. In this book, you'll learn how to become an entrepreneur, driving your career in the direction of your choosing. You'll learn how to build your software development career step by step, following the same path that you would follow if you were building, marketing, and selling a product. After all, your skills themselves are a product. The choices you make about which technologies to focus on and which business domains to master have at least as much impact on your success as your technical knowledge itself—don't let those choices be accidental. We'll walk through all aspects of the decision-making process, so you can ensure that you're investing your time and energy in the right areas. You'll develop a structured plan for keeping your mind engaged and your skills fresh. You'll learn how to assess your skills in terms of where they fit on the value chain, driving you away from commodity skills and toward those that are in high demand. Through a mix of high-level, thought-provoking essays and tactical "Act on It" sections, you will come away with concrete plans you can put into action immediately. You'll also get a chance to read the perspectives of several highly successful members of our industry from a variety of career paths. As with any product or service, if nobody knows what you're

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"Chad Fowler presents a set of no-nonsense heuristics, disciplines, and attitudes that will teach you how to respect and love your profession—and be great at it."