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What is a normal working day for a software engineer in Silicon Valley like?



Raviteja Chirala, Data Scientist, Avid Programmer..

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I am an Engineer here based on Silicon Valley. Here is what my usual day looks like.

- 6AM : Wake Up
- 6-7AM : Minor workout(20 mins) and Getting ready to work. Nothing to do with Phone yet except my morning playlist in the background.
- 7-7:30AM : Breakfast time. I spend 15mins usually for making and having.
- 7:30AM - 9AM : Commute to work, Read while in commute, Walk to work. I get off one station ah...

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Will the United States ever collapse?



Mark VandeWettering, Technical Director

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 I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: "Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed:
And on the pedestal ... [Read More »](#)

Why does military equipment cost so much compared to comparable civilian equipment?



David Crawley, Lean Product Development Methods Practitioner
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I worked for a company that sold a microchip to the military for more than \$2k per chip. This chip would have sold to a civilian contract for about 30 cents, but we never sold it to civilians as it was such an old technology (about 20 years old) that no civilian wanted to buy it. Why did we sell it for that much? Because we could. The part was military, and thus specialized, only some companies... [Read More »](#)

Why did *Star Wars* not make Mark Hamill a giant star? Why did he do so little film work in the '80s and '90s?



Edward Rholes
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 Remember this guy? He was cast in some pretty big films awhile back including a starring role in the biggest box office hit of all time. Didn't make much of an impression though. **Sam Neil** is another guy who didn't exactly set the world on fire after starring in one of the biggest movies of all times **Jurassic Park**. It would appear that effects driven movies don't require big stars, as the human ... [Read More »](#)

What is kissing supposed to feel like?



Maureen Sharkey
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No, kissing is not at all like violins in the background, fireworks, or your skin on fire. I have known one man who was a good — no, great kisser. I enjoyed every second of him kissing me, but there were no fireworks or violins. Done right, and for more than just a minute, kissing can lead to body arousal in both partners. Which will lead to other things. That has been my experience; others might ... [Read More »](#)

What does a police agent deep undercover say when asked if s/he is a cop? What should s/he say?



Richard White, Saloon Singer, Actor, Stage Director
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While I was never undercover as a police agent, but was undercover as an Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence agent on numerous occasions over a 27 year period, I will say that I never broke cover, and never revealed to anyone that I was working undercover. So my response would be, *"What in the hell*

are you saying? Ask me that one more time and I will cut your heart out and show it to you while... [Read More »](#)

Is it illegal for civilians to shoot enemy soldiers during war?



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Since your homeland is invaded you have any right to defend it any way you can. However, in order to be treated by the Geneva Convention as a part of the armed forces of a nation (or country) you are required to : bear your armament publicly (not concealed), bear a sign or a mark that signifies you follow a specific leader, respect the rules of war. If all of the above are met, then you are (by ... [Read More »](#)

If a time traveler from our time dropped his iPhone in 1981 how would scientists understand it and reverse engineer it? Would it change things?



Jim Euclid, Veterinarian, writer
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The FBI would immediately confiscate it and transport it to Area 51 under the aegis of the NSA.

Once there, it would be reverse engineered and patented by Lockheed.

It would hit the markets by 1993 at the latest.

The net result:

- Apple would go bankrupt.
- Steve Jobs wouldn't be remembered ...

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What should an American never do when visiting Australia?



Peter Stanwyck, Bay Area Small Business Attorney and Baseball Umpire
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Well, I can tell you something that my father did that I so wish he hadn't. About 30 years ago I picked him up at the San Francisco airport on his return from Australia where he had gone to provide public relations consulting services for their wine industry. He was to spend a few days in the Bay Area before returning to New York. In the airport he handed me the sterling silver salt and pepper s... [Read More »](#)

What is it like to be a second lieutenant in the US Army?



Anthony Cardullo

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It is really easy to be a butter-bar in the Army. There is all sorts of cool shit to do. First, you get to see guns. Guns are cool. Second, you get to tell people what to do. You can tell an E-7 who has been in the Army since you were born to load ammo, and he will tell you to load it up your ass. Since you don't like that, you will report him to the commander, and she will tell you to load amm... [Read More »](#)

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