



A non profit organisation which is dedicated to keeping newcomers in the software development industry up-to-date on:

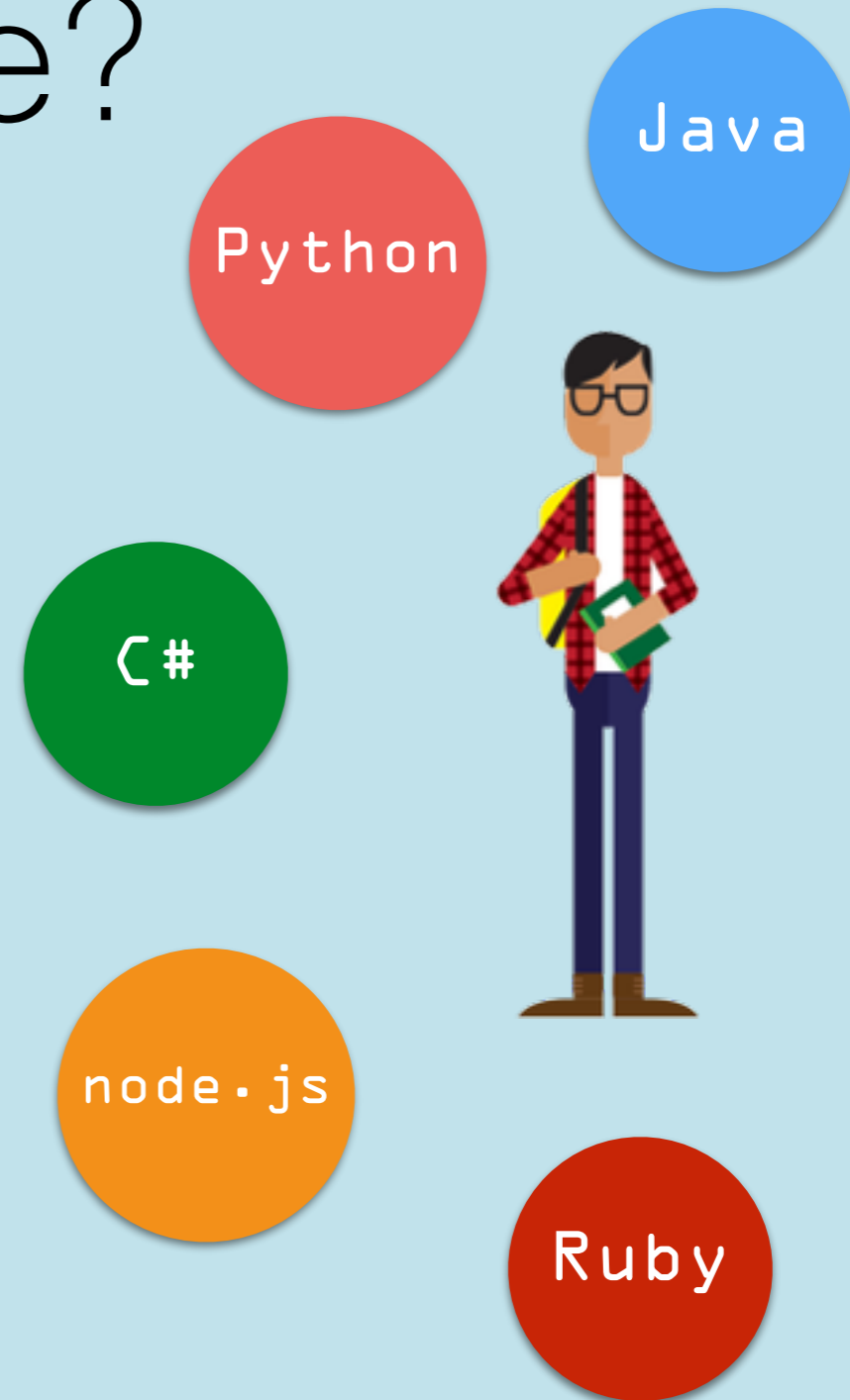
- Latest skills being demanded in the IT sector
- Tech meet ups happening in Northern Ireland
- Career prospects such as internships and graduate jobs

# Why Me?

Young person with a passion for the software development industry.

Identified the problem through own personal experience.

Eager to get a start-up off the ground that will contribute to the tech community



# Problem

- One of the biggest challenges in software development is **learning how to code.**
- With so many new technologies out there it is **difficult to know what skills NI employers are demanding.**
- **Not enough students** attending meet ups and networking.



I wish there was a meet up for us software dev students...  
I enjoy going to BelfastJS, JUG, etc. and all but I sometimes feel it is for more experienced devs...

# Solution

A series of meet ups aimed at newcomers in NI's software development industry that will:



## Connect

Allow students to network with other passionate developers.



## Code

Keep up-to-date with what skills are being demanded.



## Career

Allow students to connect with potential employers.



Where Do I Signup??

# Evidence

- UCAS figures show that in 2015, 7,520 applied for computing related courses in 2015
- Northern Ireland has the highest instance of 16–19 year olds lacking IT skills in the UK.
- Questionnaire showed, 72% felt that they wanted to learn, but just didn't know what to learn.
- Reddit Discussion

# Reddit Discussion

[ - ] [darkromanwine](#) Belfast 3 points 23 days ago  
Technology isn't just IT... There's also the hardware side of it.  
Not all tech products are apps etc!  
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[ - ] [conorG763](#) [S] 1 point 20 days ago  
Yeah buddy, I hear you. Are you a hardware engineer yourself? This will not just be apps. As long as its code related, we will be preaching it through our channels.  
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[ - ] [darkromanwine](#) Belfast 1 point 20 days ago  
At the minute I'm an intern at a hardware startup and studying mechanical engineering.  
More awareness is great news, I had been looking for ages to find an place at a startup and had a really hard time finding anything.  
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[ - ] [ceopkta](#) Belfast 2 points 22 days ago  
Good idea and all, but hash tags are rather redundant on reddit mate.  
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[ - ] [conorG763](#) [S] 1 point 20 days ago  
degree  
Yes I know, I was copying from twitter and never realised. I am not a big reddit user tbh, but thanks.  
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[ - ] [24Niall](#) 1 point 22 days ago  
I'm a computer science student at UU Magee. Sounds like a good idea to me, there isn't enough of it in NI. You have my follow.  
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[ - ] [conorG763](#) [S] 1 point 20 days ago  
Good to hear 24Niall, send me a message on the @nigmaio twitter account and get in touch. My name is Conor.  
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[ - ] [LEVII777](#) Lisburn 1 point 22 days ago  
Im a Biomedical Engineer in UU Jordanstown. Looking into this now.  
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[ - ] [conorG763](#) [S] 1 point 20 days ago  
Like i said above LEVII777 would be much appreciated if you could get in touch, so we can start working out what students want from all different aspects of the sector. Send a message on the @nigmaio twitter account.  
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[ - ] [mobluzeroone](#) Belfast 1 point 22 days ago  
This is useful, I'm just finishing a CS degree but I'm shit at everything I studied.  
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[ - ] [conorG763](#) [S] 1 point 20 days ago  
This is exactly what we want to try and fix. I often felt that I wanted to learn, but just didn't know what to learn. Nor what was being demanded by IT employers. Send me a message on the @nigmaio twitter account.  
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[ - ] [conorG763](#) [S] 1 point 20 days ago  
Thanks for everyone who commented. If you think this is a good idea at all, please get in touch. I am meeting with some senior individuals that really want to make this happen and would be great if I could show them some proof that a solution has to be found to this recurring problem. Conor Contact: @nigmaio  
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[ - ] [conorG763](#) [S] 1 point 7 days ago  
Guys, I have written a blog post on what I tend to do with Nigma. Please get in touch if you can help out in anyway.  
<http://conorg763.me/say-hello-to-nigma/>



Please help us!

# Market Validation

7,500+

Students applied for Computing Courses in NI



# Plan

- 40 to 50 people.
- Speakers will be:
  - 2 separate 15–30min talks from students speaking about:
    1. side project/startup they are working on.
    2. technology stacks they have been using.
    3. final year projects
  - The last speaker will be an experienced dev talking on a topic of their choice. Representing their company.
- There will be a 15–30min break after the first 2 speakers for pizza/beer and networking.



# Aims

To help reduce the gap between placement and graduates coming out into the industry, so that they can reach their full potential.

Through connecting passionate learners we can start to build a community.

We have no financial aim for this. We would be happy if it was a non-profit organisation as long as we are making an impact on an issue that has yet to be addressed.

Thanks For Listening  
Any questions?



So what do you think?

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[@nigmaio](https://twitter.com/nigmaio)