There is a standard for how we treat each other so that we can build a community of fun, trust, respect, and learning.

This is a very special community, and it deserves people who are strong with the ability to reflect and show up in a good way for both themselves and others, and who like to bring good energy to the group. With this strength, it fosters strong developers.

- 1. Have fun! You must be able to have fun or this community is not worth it for you or anyone else. This is how we're spending our free time.
- 2. Own your emotions and release them yourself outside of class 95% of the time (don't vomit them on others). There are tools and techniques to do this if you are interested. Your emotions are valid and natural.
- 3. Directly and kindly confront the other 5% if absolutely necessary with respect and vulnerability in person or in real time (verbally) at the right time.
- 4. Be patient with others and respect others.
- 5. Other people acting with unskilled behavior doesn't excuse your unskilled behavior. Just learn from it all and move on. It isn't a big deal, it's just a part of the learning process. Suck it up and be better!
- 6. Blaming others for insecurities or personal triggers is not allowed.
- 7. There should be a tough enough skin to be able to handle both humor (except for intentionally cruel humor of course), and constructive criticism when needed.
- 8. Accept yourself and others for where they're at
- 9. Accept feedback and learn from the leader of the group both in the technical field and in soft skills aspects. They're both equally important here.
- 10. Tone of voice must be kept respectful and courteous.
- 11. Only give 3-4 sentences and let the others speak. This fosters a conversation instead of a monologue.
- 12. Give and receive help from others. Everyone needs help to get to the next stage of their career. Help each other.
- 13. There is ALWAYS another horizon to learn and improve in every aspect. Constructive criticism is necessary to advance.
- 14. Be approachable.
- 15. Be an adult.
- 16. Be respectful of others' time. We're all doing this in our free time!
- 17. Do not spam in Slack only send one message in one channel at a time, and give someone ample time to get back to you.