Take a Stand: Software Developer, Applications

Read each statement below about system software development careers and then indicate on the continuum how important the statement is to you by selecting the preferable spot on the line. For example, if you LOVE being detail oriented, you would select a spot close to the "Very important" end of the line.

One end of the continuum is "very important", the other "Not important"— think of it as a 0-100 space where you can fill in all of the quantities in between.

SELF

1. Application developers often modify existing software to correct errors or update it for the newest computer or cell phone hardware.

   I like being detail oriented, using logic, and solving problems to make things that already exist better.

Not important   Very important

2. Software developers who specialize in applications use lots of science and math to make sure that the things they make will work.

   I like designing and developing things using science and math to make predictions and solve problems.

Not important   Very important

SECURITY

3. **Application developers typically live and work near big cities, but some software developers work remotely from their house, which can be anywhere as long as they have a good internet connection.**

   I like the idea of living near a big city, but it also might be nice to work all over the country.

   Not important   Very important

4. **The median salary for a software developer who specializes in applications software is $101,790.**

   A median pay of $101,790 would offer me the lifestyle I want.

   Not important   Very important

5. **Eighty percent of application developers have a 4-year degree, and another 16% have a master's degree. Only 3% have a 2-year associate's degree.**

   I would like to attend 4 years of college after high school and possibly even more.

   Not important   Very important

SOCIETY

6. **Application developers create all sorts of applications that bring value into people's lives.**

I like creating things that add value to peoples' lives by helping them be healthier, eat better, or just feel entertained.

Not important   **Very important**