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Product Development at METI: Experiences of a Young Software Engineer

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Abstract. How do we use our college education to solve real life problems? In today's world getting a good and stable job seems to be everybody's goal. Companies hiring young engineers only want to know one thing: "Can you solve our problems? It is important that our college curriculum is filled with classes that will directly affect our abilities to do our jobs well. In this lecture I will discuss what are some of the challenges that young engineers face as they are thrown into new product development right out of college. I will briefly discuss the simulation industry, future of computing, and how software engineering discipline is evolving.

Speaker's Bio. Neven Skoro graduated from FGCU in December of 2007 with a BS in Computer Science. He has been employed full time as a Software Engineer at METI, a medical simulation company, since January of 2008. METI develops educational tools that impact the education of future doctors, nurses, first responders and military medics. METI products include a range of human patient simulators such as iStan as well as learning management systems such as LearningSpace. Neven's main responsibilities include working with a small team of engineers on designing and implementing cross platform applications for all of the METI products using various technologies.