



CHECKLIST

# Choosing between computer science and software engineering: 7 questions to ask yourself

- ☐ Do you enjoy solving abstract problems even when there's no immediate real-world application?

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- ☐ Do you want to build products that people use, or understand the theory behind how things work?

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- ☐ Are you energised by working in teams and shipping features, or by learning deeply on your own?

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- ☐ Does the idea of proving an algorithm is correct appeal to you, or does writing code that works excite you more?

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- ☐ Talk to someone in each field and ask what their week looked like last week.

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- ☐ Take a course in each subject if you can—the first few weeks will tell you which feels natural.

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- ☐ Remember that neither is a final choice; many people work in both over a career.

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