How to progress as an engineer while doing what you love

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- Spanish
- Hands on!
- Problem solver
- Certified & Distinguished Engineer
- Women in Tech Lead for the UK
- Software Engineering guild co-lead
- Mentor and sponsor
- Passionate about impact of community and diversity in engineering quality
- Teaching my 6 year old son to code!



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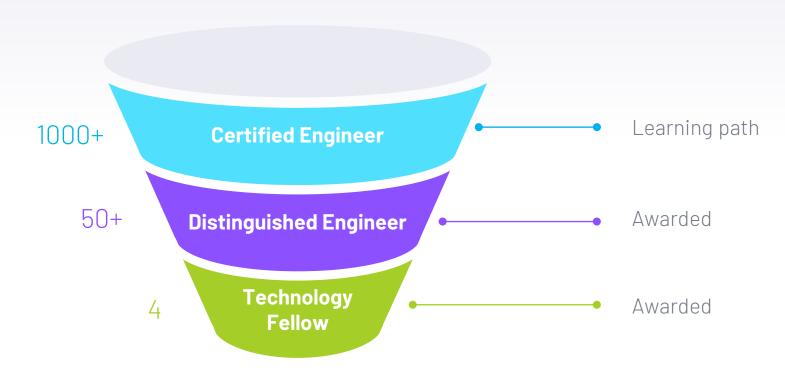
- Financial Services
- 74,000 employees
 - ▶ 48 countries
 - ▶ 150 nationalities!
 - 30% technology







The Individual Contributor career path at UBS



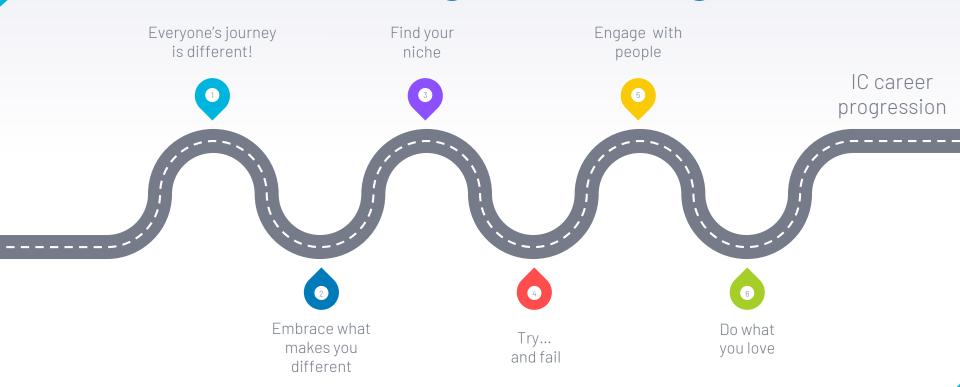
Why is DE and IC career important

- Alternative to traditional promotion paths
- Leverage engineers' experience

- For me:
 - Wider impact
 - Centre of Excellence
 - Engineering quality and best practices
 - Focus on engineering culture



The road to Distinguished Engineer



In summary...

- Get out of your comfort zone
- Do what you love!



THANKS!

Any questions?

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