

## *Module 1.1: You & Your Job*

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Listen to the dialogue between Mathieu, who is French and Lisa, who is American.

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In the audio, Mathieu introduces himself to Lisa. They're going to be working on the same team to deploy a software program.

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**Mathieu introduces himself to Lisa. They're going to be working on the same team to deploy a software program.**

**Mathieu:** Hi, I'm Mathieu. I'm part of the deployment team.

**Lisa:** Oh, hi. Nice to meet you, I'm Lisa, from the US office. I guess we'll be working together on the deployment.

**Mathieu:** That's right.

**Lisa:** So, what do you exactly? Like, what's your role on the team?

**Mathieu:** I'm the database administrator. Basically, I take care of the database, data backup & security, things like that.

**Lisa:** Oh right. I see. Sounds pretty important.

**Mathieu:** Well, yeah. Kind of. What about you? What do you do?

**Lisa:** Oh, I'm one of the international team coordinators. I basically make sure the French and the US teams play well together.

**Mathieu:** Euh... sorry, what was that?

**Lisa:** Oh, "play well together." It means that they cooperate and work together without too many problems. I know some people are worried because the project's all in English, and with Americans, so part of my job is to make sure there's no communication problems and that everything goes smoothly between the teams.

**Mathieu:** Got it. And where are you from in the US, exactly?

**Lisa:** I'm from Houston, in Texas. I grew up on a ranch, actually. It's pretty stereotypical, I guess.

**Mathieu:** Seriously? You grew up on a ranch? So how did you get into software engineering?

**Lisa:** Oh, I never wanted to work with cows. Technology was more my thing! I did a degree in computer engineering in college and I've been doing that ever since.

