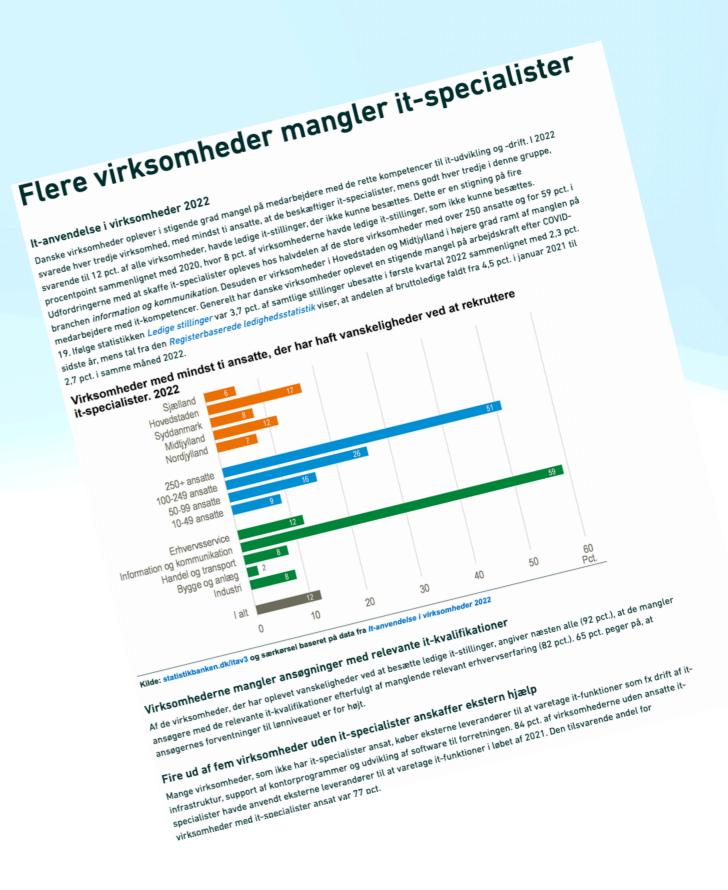
## Scale your tech team faster

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# Trouble hiring techies? Join the club



### **30 minutes of inspiration**

- What to do if you have trouble hiring techies.
  - Developers, QA specialists, UX designers, data scientists...

- What to do when you succeed.
  - Onboarding, becoming a success, growing.

#### Why am I here? Niels *Elfin* Christensen

- We need to do better!
- Advisor and hands-on problemsolver.
- Niels helps software leaders with both projects and strategy.
- Computer Science Ph.D.
- 25 years in development, management and IT architecture.





## My partnership problem

An exercise

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#### **Current business**

- Generates 2m kr. revenue per year.
- Costs 150.000 kr. per month.

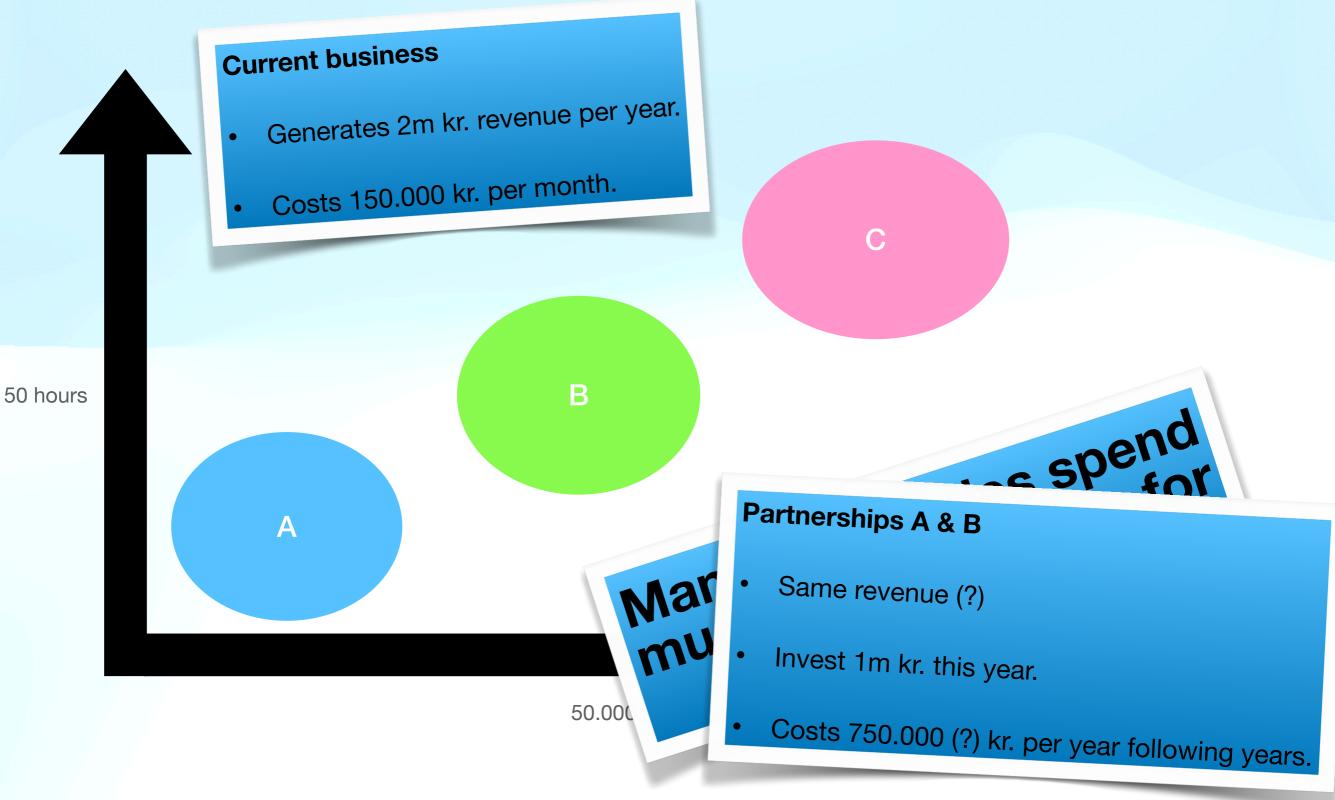
#### **Partnership B**

#### **Partnership A**

- Same revenue (?)
- Invest 1m kr. this year.
- Costs 750.000 (?) kr. per year following years.

## My partnership problem

#### How much to invest in the decision? 🤥

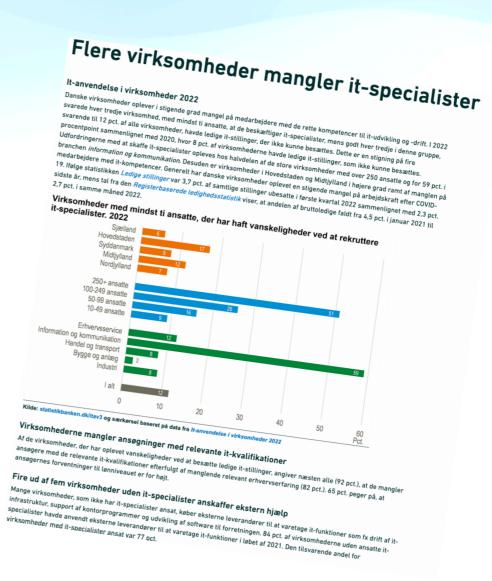


# Invest in your recruitment

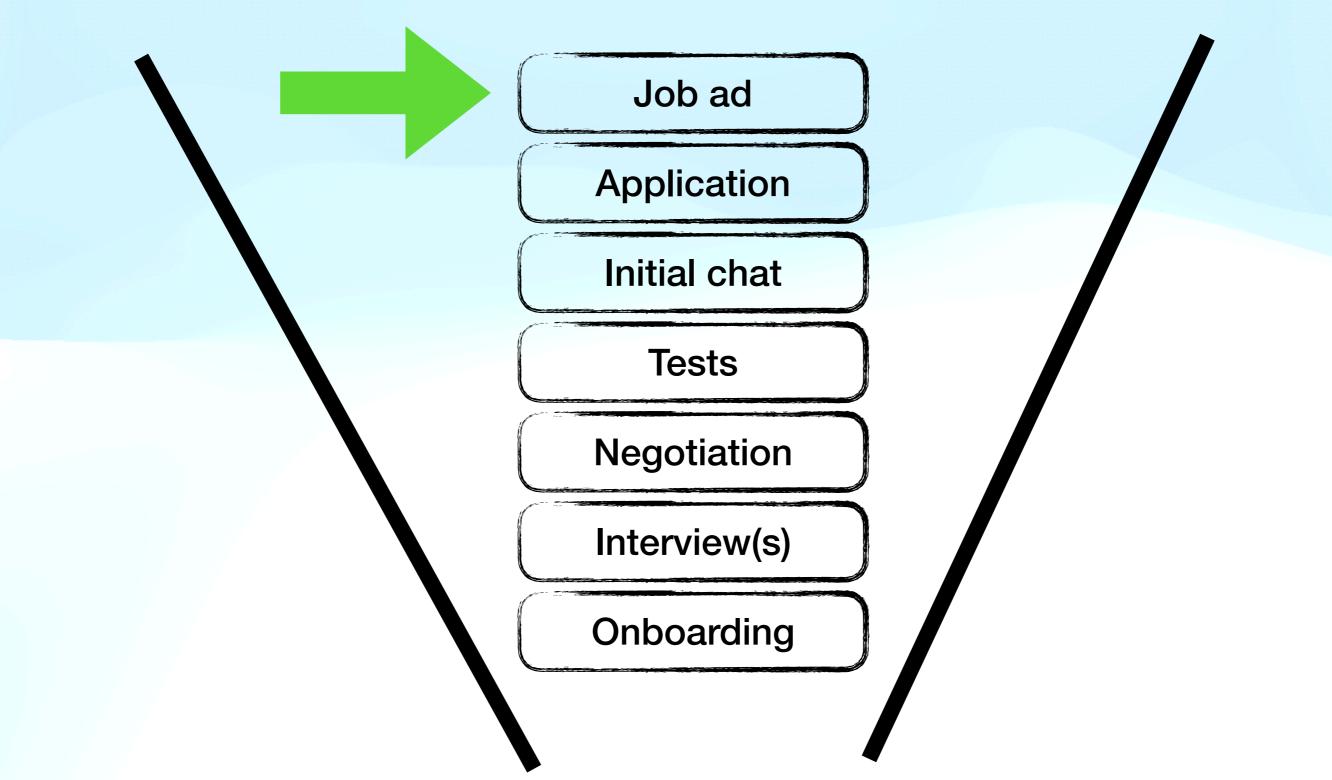
## Is recruitment difficult?

# Is recruitment difficult? Or just expensive?

# Recruitment is expensive, and has become more challenging



### **Improving your recruitment funnel** Huge topic! I will focus on job ads today



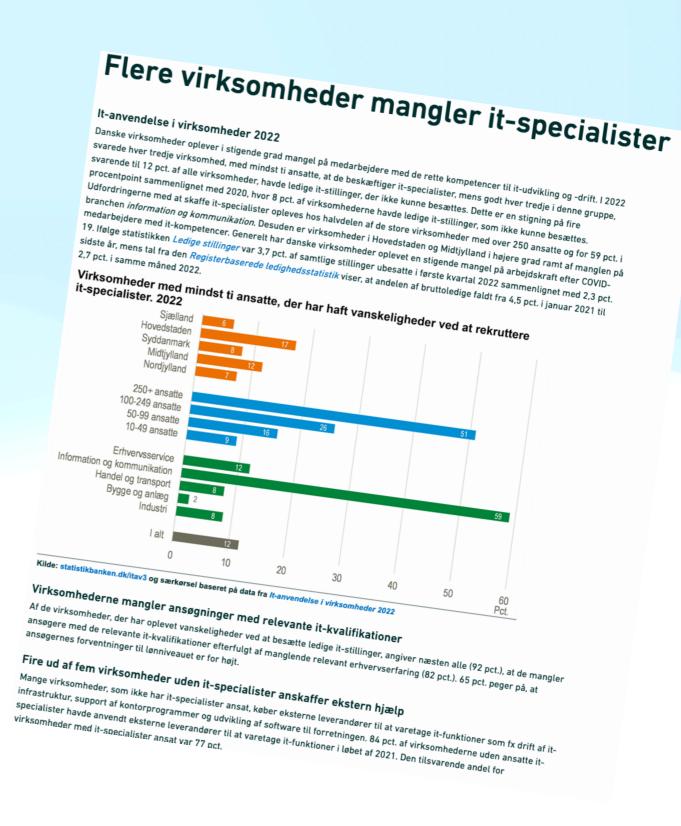
### Your job ad... Concrete examples coming up!

- ... is worth a lot of work.
- ...is a sales pitch, not a wish list.
- ...should be reviewed critically in that light.
- ...must attract the real candidate, not just your ideal one.

#### Flere virksomheder mangler it-specialister Danske virksomheder oplever i stigende grad mangel på medarbejdere med de rette kompetencer til it-udvikling og -drift. I 2022 Svarede hver tredje virksomhed, med mindst ti ansatte, at de beskæftiger it-specialister, mens godt hver tredje i denne gruppe, svarede river treuje vir sourmed, med minuos transatte, at de deskeruger tropectationer, meno godt men treuje vienne s svarende til 12 pct. af alle virksomheder, havde ledige it-stillinger, der ikke kunne besættes. Dette er en stigning på fire svarenue ut 12 pt. ar atte virksommeder, navde teurge it stituliger, der inne nume desættes. Dette er en stigning på me procentpoint sammenlignet med 2020, hvor 8 pct. af virksomhederne havde ledige it-stillinger, som ikke kunne besættes. Udfordringerne med at skaffe it-specialister opleves hos halvdelen af de store virksomheder med over 250 ansatte og for 59 pct. i branchen information og kommunikation. Desuden er virksomheder i Hovedstaden og Midtjylland i højere grad ramt af manglen på medarbejdere med it-kompetencer. Generelt har danske virksomheder i noveustauen og minufyttand i nøjere grad ramt af mangen p nedarbejdere med it-kompetencer. Generelt har danske virksomheder oplevet en stigende mangel på arbejdskraft efter COVID-19. Ifølge statistikken *Ledige stillinger* var 3,7 pct. af samtlige stillinger ubesatte i første kvartal 2022 sammenlignet med 2,3 pct. sidste år, mens tal fra den *Registerbaserede ledighedsstatistik* viser, at andelen af bruttoledige faldt fra 4,5 pct. i januar 2021 til Virksomheder med mindst ti ansatte, der har haft vanskeligheder ved at rekruttere Syddanmark Midtjylland Nordjylland 250+ ansatte 100-249 ansatte 50-99 ansatte 10-49 ansatte Erhvervsservice Information og kommunikation Handel og transport Bygge og anlæg Industr Kilde: statistikbanken.dk/itav3 og særkørsel baseret på data fra *It-anvendelse i virksomheder 2022* Virksomhederne mangler ansøgninger med relevante it-kvalifikationer 50 Af de virksomheder, der har oplevet vanskeligheder ved at besætte ledige it-stillinger, angiver næsten alle (92 pct.), at de mangler Ar de virksomneder, der har optevel vanskeugneder ved al desælle ledige it stillinger, angiver næsten alle (74 pcl.), al de man ansøgere med de relevante it-kvalifikationer efterfulgt af manglende relevant erhvervserfaring (82 pcl.). 65 pcl. peger på, at Fire ud af fem virksomheder uden it-specialister anskaffer ekstern hjælp Mange virksomheder, som ikke har it-specialister ansat, køber eksterne leverandører til at varetage it-funktioner som fx drift af itinfrastruktur, support af kontorprogrammer og udvikling af software til forretningen. 84 pct. af virksomhederne uden ansatte itspecialister havde anvendt eksterne leverandører til at varetage it-funktioner i løbet af 2021. Den tilsvarende andel for

#### **Turn off the autopilot**

- 1. Headlines: The 4 U's.
- 2. Test your statements.
- 3. Write plainly.
- 4. Answer the real applicant's questions.
- 5. Trustpilot for employers.



## 1. Headlines: The 4 U's

80% of leads only read your headline 🕸

- Useful: State the benefits.
- Ultra-specific: Make it divisive. Think SEO-friendly.
- Unique.
- Urgent.

We are hiring an IT developer for our dynamic IT team

Tired of meetings? Apply by Friday and become a guru of behind-the-scenes banking code.

### **2. Test your statements** Would anyone state the opposite?

- "You must be good at team-work."
- "You should enjoy creating generic solutions."
- "You must have an enthusiastic and positive approach."
- "Competitive compensation package."

### 3. Write plainly

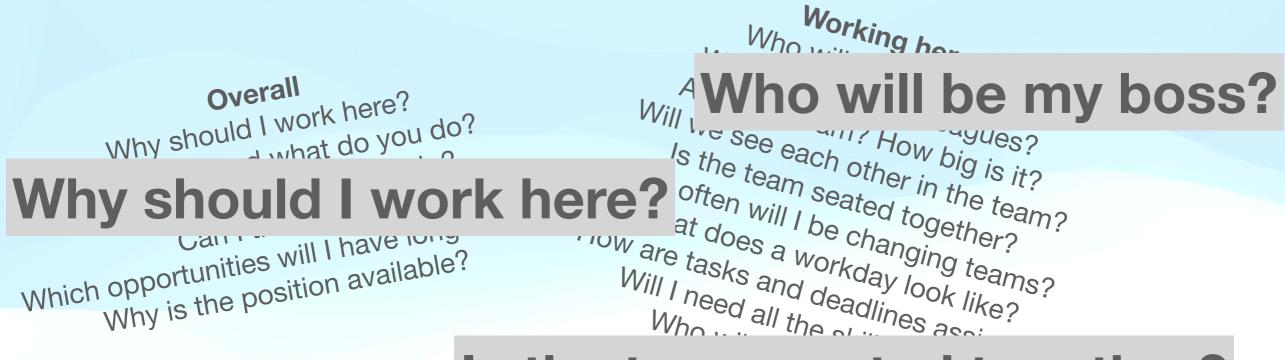
Fun fact: Clever words make you seem less intelligent

You will join our PDM team.

You will join the team responsible for developing and maintaining our software.

#### 4. Answer the real applicant's questions.

#### ...but TL;DR 🥲



#### Is the team seated together?

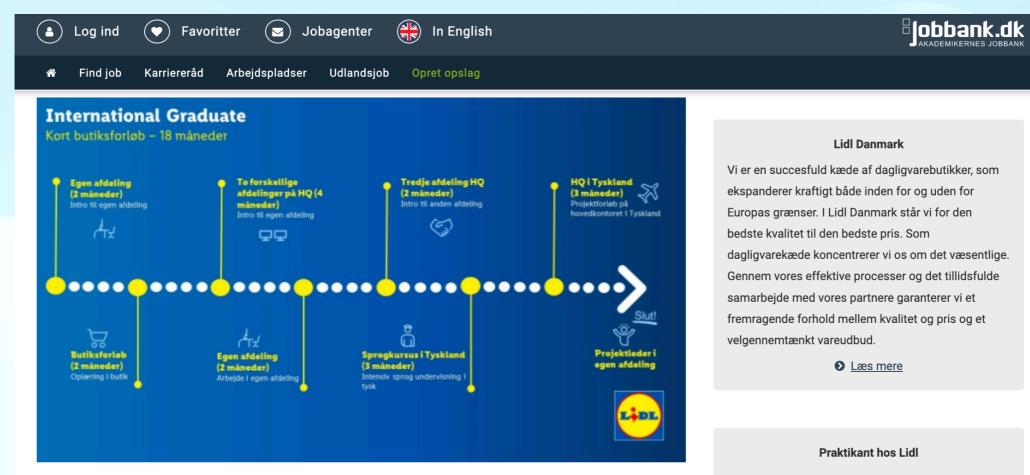
Compensation and conditions Will I be paid? How much? Will I get warrants? What are the benefits? How much leave do I get? Are the working hours flexible?

Only the rarest and most expensive candidates? Are you open to reduced time? Is remote work possible? How much? Can I be a "good fit" with my cultural background? Will you communicate in writing? Is it a bro culture?

#### 4. Answer the real applicant's questions.

A picture is worth 1000 words.

So are infographics and links.

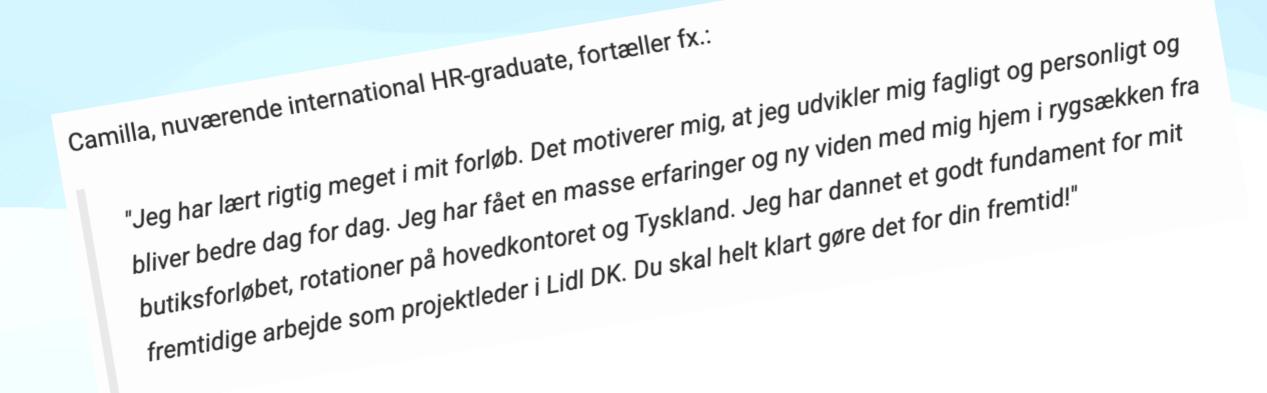


#### #1: Bliv Introduceret til din nye afdeling (2 måneder):

Du starter ud i din egen afdeling, hvor du bliver introduceret til de forskellige projekter og opgaver i ITafdelingen. Allerede her kommer du til at arbejde med specifikke opgaver og mindre projekter indenfor IT, hvor vi arbejder med alt lige fra bruger-support, server- og netværksinfrastruktur og ERP-systemer til Start din karriere under studierne i Danmarks mest ambitiøse dagligvarekæde. Hvis du er ambitiøs, dynamisk og resultatorienteret, og hvis du drømmer om at tage ansvar og skabe resultater.



### 5. Trustpilot for employers



# Turn off the autopilot! ...but what if you succeed?

# How do two people tend a garden?

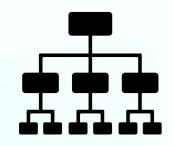
# How do 20 people tend a garden?

# How do 20 people tend a park?

## How do 20 people tend a park?

- If I weed, you should weed too.
- You do not get a nice park by assigning everyone their own plot.
- Organisation is essential.

Two people can't work on the same plants at the same time. Don't dig up the flower that I was going to fertilise!

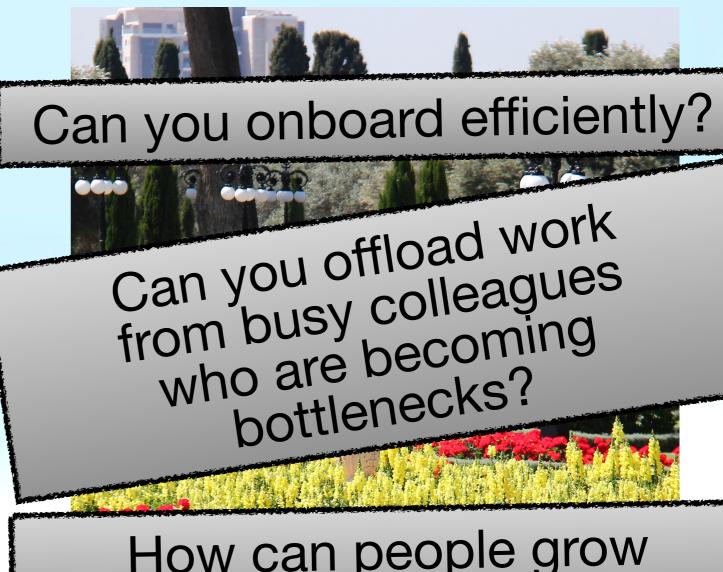


Yes - a metaphor for software organisations Tools need to be maintained and returned to their proper place.

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How do 20 people tend a park? How to organise? Does it scale?

- Coordinate based on personal relations?
- Teams of greenkeepers, builders, gardeners, landscapers?
- Teams E, W, N, S?
- Teams per use case: Events, playgrounds, exercise, picnics?
- Maintenance team and project teams?
- Combinations of the above?



## How can people grow in the job?

#### When you expand, you must make some conscious choices.

# Set up a team structure that scales well.

# Reconsider that team structure when you expand.

# Wrapping up

### Wrapping up Scaling your tech team

- Invest in your recruitment.
- Turn off the autopilot.
- Set up a team structure that scales well.
- Reconsider that team structure when you expand.
- Adapt a blue ocean strategy for hiring talent.

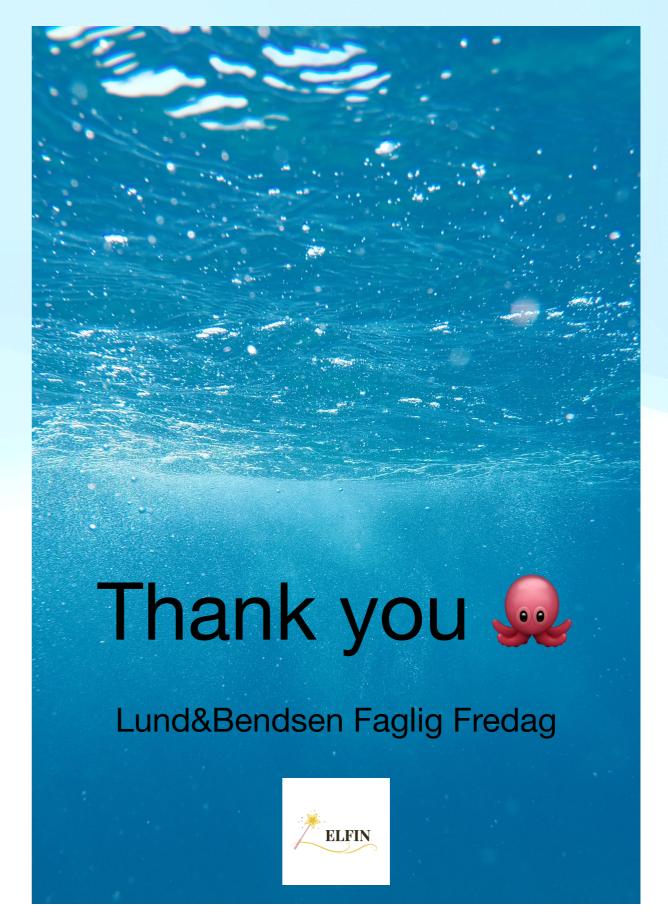


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