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DOW JONES

In May we were very excited to reveal our partnership with **Dow Jones**, yet another reputable media company with titles such as **The Wall Street Journal, MarketWatch and Factiva** in its portfolio.

The global news and information powerhouse engaged Questers to support the expansion of their development team in Bulgaria which has been successfully operating for more than 15 years.

To grow the Dow Jones team in Bulgaria, we are looking for bright and brave **.Net Engineers**. Should you know someone awesome, do not hesitate to recommend them at **recommend@questersgroup.com**

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STEP INTO
THE SPOTLIGHT

In this space, we are introducing colleagues who you might have missed talking to and give you the opportunity to learn a little more about them.

This time under the spotlight is Valentin

Valdi Kamenarov

Software Engineer at the MIRACL team @Questers

Use one word to describe yourself.
"Kind" – a third-party-verified description.

As a child, what did you want to become when you grow up?
I wanted to become someone who would create things that help people and solve their problems. I guess Software Development was the perfect choice for me.

Which was your favourite subject in school?
I wasn't the biggest fan of school, but the best subjects depended on the teachers. I've had a blast in History, Maths, Biology thanks to the awesome teachers I had.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
I don't have one particular thing that I like. However, eating and searching for the best place to grab food is at the top of my list. Seriously, food is really important to me!

If you had the opportunity to have dinner with a famous person (living or not) who would he/she be?
Frank Sinatra would be a great choice. I admire his taste and view on life.

Share a favourite quote/thought of yours.
"If you think you can do a thing or think you can't do a thing, you're right" - Henry Ford

QUESTERS TECH MEET UPS

Online Meetup

Building for Scale: Infrastructure & Architecture

In May we held our **first** online MeetUp where our colleague Mihael Mladenov from the PremFina team talked about their gRPC & event-based infrastructure. He shared curious insights about how they are scaling up their FinTech platform and answered a number of questions during the Q&A session in the end.
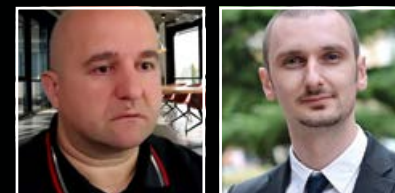
Make sure to check out our **YouTube channel** and watch the full video from the event.

25 YEARS OF JAVA & PHP

May 23 and June 8 marked the 25th anniversaries of Java and PHP respectively. We couldn't miss the chance to look back and see how those languages have **evolved** during the years, so we talked with two of our colleagues to share their views and experience with the two programming languages.

Stefan Dragnev, a Senior Software Engineer, made an excellent overview of Java's history and the importance of the Java Virtual Machine in it. And

Svetlin Staev, a Lead Software Engineer in the News UK team, wrote a brilliant retrospective of how PHP has changed over the years and contributed to the development of the internet as we know it today.

being AWESOME while #StayingAtHome

The Emergency State couldn't stop us from being awesome. We had a variety of online activities and had a lot of fun together.

Online #ThursdayBeer

Our traditional beer Thursdays in qClub **transformed** into online ones. Our Super Recruiter team made sure we had a fun entertainment activity each week and we had a lot of fun with games like Skribbl and Cards Against Humanity.

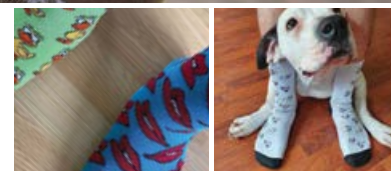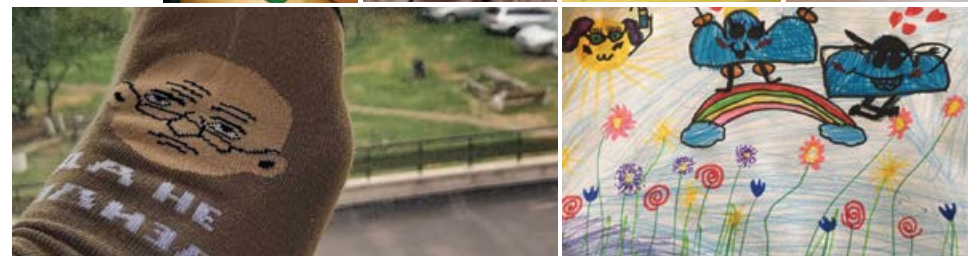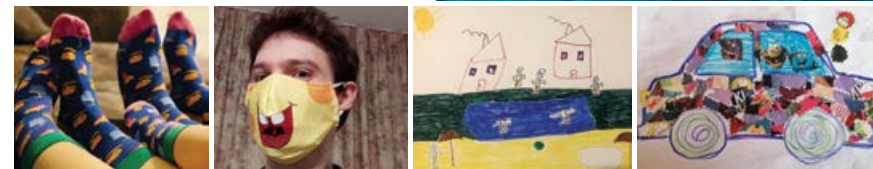But our favourite one was the City Quest, facilitated by Sun Spree Travel. Four teams took part in the

online challenge and each of them had to outsmart the rest to win the big prize.

Congratulations to the NewsUK team who conquered the 1st place!

Weekly photo challenges

To further **boost** the mood during the #StayAtHome period we continued with our weekly Slack challenges. We ensured that nobody wears a boring face mask, discovered the colleagues with the funniest socks and announced the king of the cocktails.

A colourful celebration of 1st of June

June started as colourful as a rainbow! To **celebrate** the Children's Day, we organized a painting contest for the kids of our colleagues. We share with you the great artworks we've collected.

960 BGN DONATED

Supporting elderly people from the village of Rozino

In May the **awesome** team of TimeHeroes shared with us the charitable campaign for helping elderly people from Rozino village and we banded together to support it. By donating 960 BGN in food vouchers, our colleagues supported the purchase of food and other essential supplies.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE SO FAR?

GIVING BACK

PROGRAMME

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Ambassador for a Day

Ambassador for a Day is an **initiative** of the British Embassy in Sofia that was launched in 2018. It allows young girls to experience the work of an Ambassador for a day and empowers them to share their perspective to the emerging issues of our world.

In February we supported the 3rd edition of the initiative. Its theme was „Bulgaria on the world stage". The 18 winners participated in a two-day programme in Vienna and visited UN, the OSCE, and the Bulgarian Cultural Institute and also experienced representing Bulgaria in a multilateral platform.

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