Crossing the line:

From student to student instructor

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Introduction

- Master student at Faculty of Sciences since October 2014 (Computer Science)
- Student instructor at Chair for Computer Science since October 2015.
- Conducting lab exercises for Bachelor level courses:
 - Introduction to Programming
 - Object-oriented programming 1
 - Operating Systems 2
 - Architecture, Design and Patterns

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Expectations vs. reality

- Myth about "omniscient" teaching assistants
- Getting to know "other" (personal) side of teaching staff
- Feeling of fulfillment through knowledge-sharing

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Challenges

- Getting respect and establishing authority due to small age difference
- Staying objective as lecturer towards ex-peers
- Balancing between work and studying
- Common reaction: "Why would you want to stay at the University?"

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Benefits

- Learned how to talk about a topic in a systematic way
- Developed communication skills (verbal and non-verbal)
- Learned how to separate key concepts and scale the elements of the course work through grading and making assignments that are to be graded

Questions?

Thank you for your attention!