Y: Hi, my name is Yerke. This is my 6th semester in OMSCS, and I hope to graduate in December 2016. I have 10 years of experience in finance and banking, and about 2 years ago I decided to switch into software development.

G: Hi, I am Gary. This is my 4th semester in OMSCS. I am an application developer at the County of Los Angeles. In addition, I am also a freelance music performer and instructor.

C: Hello, I am Cassie. This is my third semester in OMSCS. I'm a Healthcare IT consultant, and I also do Aerial Photography using drones.

Y: We are part of a team which is taking CS6460 Educational Technology in Fall 2016. The 3 of us are all from Los Angeles, California, and our fourth member, Kim, is from Atlanta, Georgia. Kim is an IT professional and EdTech is her 7th class in the program.

G: For our group project in the class, we decided to make a mini-course called "How to succeed in OMSCS" in which we would share knowledge about OMSCS program with new students.

C: The reason we chose to work on this project is very simple: for new students, it can easily become overwhelming to work out the intricacies of OMSCS, since it is such an unconventional program. We have all been there - looking back now, we wish that when we first started, we were given more advice and resources to help us get up and running. This is why we are pooling the knowledge of experienced students and presenting it to new students; hopefully doing this will make the transition as easy as possible.

Y: We will be presenting several videos on topics which we believe would be most beneficial to get new OMSCS students up to speed.

All: Welcome, and thank you for watching.

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C: Please note that these videos are recorded in late 2016, and the information presented in the videos is subject to change. If you spot any inaccuracies, please feel free to reach out and email us at succeedinomscs@gmail.com.

G: We will do our best to change the videos if possible. Otherwise, we will write notes with corrections below the videos.

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Y: If you have ideas for more videos, and love to be on the screen, feel free to record your own video, and send it to us. Contact us at succeedinomscs@gmail.com.

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Y: Since videos are not that easy to update, we also plan to develop a wiki website omscs.wikidot.com, which all OMSCS students can edit in order to share their knowledge. Crowdsourcing works, and we would love your help. Thank you in advance.