From LA to Munich

Embracing Global Open Source Career Adventures

Disclaimer

Please note that the views, comments, and ideas expressed in this presentation are solely mine and do not represent the opinions or policies of my current, past, or future employers. The information provided during this talk is for inspirational and educational purposes only and should not be considered as legal advice or a substitute for legal counsel.

The Power of Global Exploration

Embracing global career opportunities can open doors and expose you to diverse perspectives, technologies, and cultures. While it's normal to be afraid, it should not be normal to be afraid for too long. Remember, changes are always difficult, but the most difficult step is always the first one.
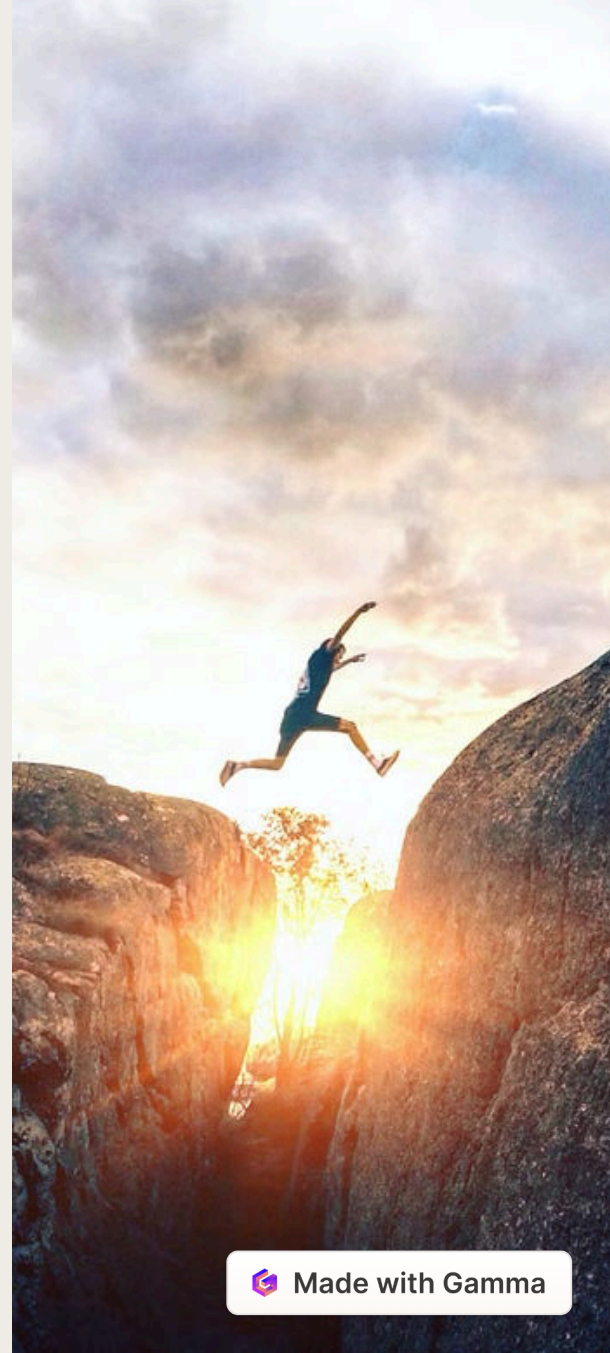

COLORS *by Culture*

BROWN	YELLOW	GREEN	BLUE	PURPLE	RED

WESTERN *Culture*

| Practicality Comfort Stability | Happiness Joy Caution | Luck Jealousy Greed | Depression Trust Calm | Royalty Spirituality Wealth | Love Danger Action |

FAR EASTERN *Culture*

| Earth Industrious Mourning | Masculinity Sacred Royalty | Fertility Hope Life | Feminine Healing Relaxation | Wealth Privilege Spirituality | Prosperity Good Fortune Vitality |

INDIAN *Culture*

| Mourning | Sacred Auspicious | Hope Harvest Virtue | Sports Strength | Sorrow Comfort Nobility | Beauty Wealth Power |

MIDDLE EASTERN *Culture*

| Harmony Earth Comfort | Happiness Prosperity Mourning | Strength Fertility Hope | Mourning Healing Spirituality | | |

Challenges and How to Overcome Them

1 **Problems**

Transitioning from one location to another can bring problems like language barriers, cultural shock, homesickness, bureaucracy, and tax-related challenges.
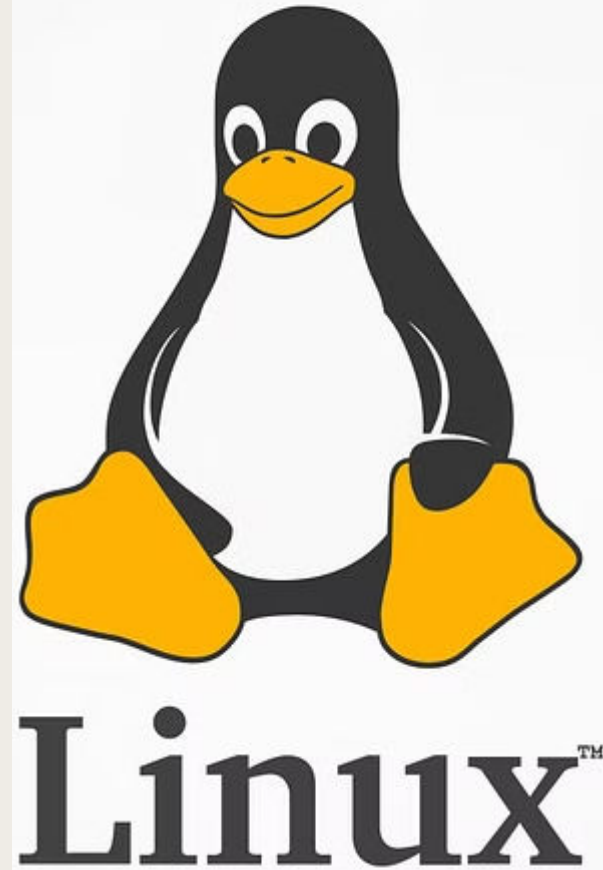
2 **Solutions**

Overcoming these challenges may involve embracing the new culture and language, finding new friends, staying busy, and conducting intense research before moving.

Leveraging for Global Employment

Open Source Contributions

Your open-source contributions can be a key strategy for securing employment on an international scale. Linux has taken individuals around the globe, and there are opportunities in numerous locations for professionals like you.

Building a Strong Resume

Crafting a resume that effectively highlights your global experience and contributions is essential for securing international employment opportunities. With the help of AI, there are no excuses for not creating an impressive resume. Just ask and let technology assist you in showcasing your skills and achievements.

Breaking into Global IT

Open source projects can serve as a valuable entry point into the global IT industry, even in a new country. With the USA's well-known tech industry, skilled individuals from the US can become a valuable asset in the international IT landscape.
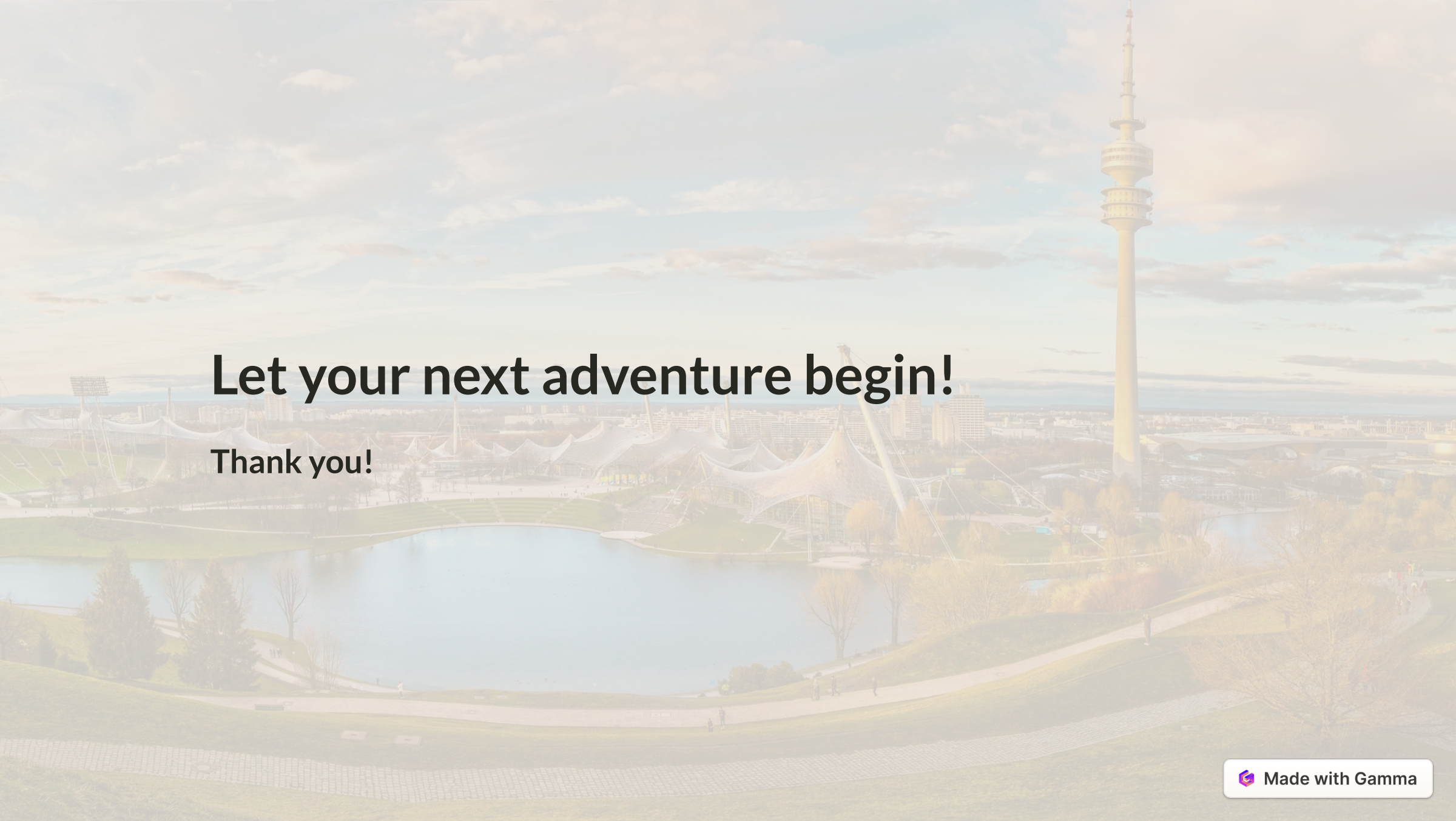
Negotiating and Interviewing on a Global Scale

When it comes to international job interviews, honesty, transparency, and asking questions are key. During negotiations, research the living costs to understand salary differences. For a successful move, keep yourself informed about new laws and be aware of labor laws in the new country, like the 3-month termination period in Germany.

Leading Engineering Teams in the Open Source World

For managers and industry experts, managing diverse geographically dispersed teams is crucial. Managing international teams requires understanding other cultures and realizing that not everything can be taught in school. Successful leaders prioritize effective communication and collaboration to drive innovation and achieve collective goals.

Let your next adventure begin!

Thank you!