Abstract
This SEDA Special explores the career development of educational developers at a time when educational development units and developers themselves are seen as being increasingly important in informing and supporting the quality enhancement agenda within higher education. Through a series of personal reflective accounts, this volume examines the career paths taken by a number of educational developers at various stages in their careers and includes the profiles of professionals from the UK, Ireland, Australia and North America. By providing a rich and detailed snapshot of the state of educational development in HE today, this publication sets out to inform the sector, institutions and individuals alike, and by providing some answers – while posing even more questions – the editors hope to open a dialogue concerning the future professional development and support of educational developers within HE.
Abstract: Career development and career planning are very significant in the current age of technology, because current century and global changes have given birth to an atmosphere in which nearly everything is in competition with each other. It is a profession that occupies an important part in an individual's life and it offers many advancements and opportunities for the person. In the literature, traditionally speaking, this term used to refer to a 'paid employment' process in a single profession. However, this concept has changed and it is Career development reflects a process rather than the current status of an employee. The employees try to increase their occupational qualities throughout their careers. A Professional Development Plan or PDP is a written document used to focus, evaluate and prioritize development goals and activities. With the Build Your Professional Development Plan (PDP) workbook, you won’t just learn it, you’ll DO it. Specifically, you will... Discover your strengths & weaknesses. Clearly define your assets and liabilities. Create your career cornerstone. Use this unique visual tool to keep you focused and empowered throughout your life. Improve your professional abilities. Building a Career from Scratch. At that point, I started wondering if this was something I could make a living out of. I could see there were a lot of opportunities out there to become a developer and that software was "eating the world." I built a simple app called TinyThought that was a minimalist daily journaling app. It solved a specific problem in my life and showed that I could build things on my own that solved actual problems. If you can't solve actual problems with your code, you have no value to a company. Companies hire developers to solve problems that other people have and will pay to solve.