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Today the word "professional" is used so often it seems to have lost some of its meaning and some of the impact it should have. Think for a moment about the question, "What is a professional?"

When a person is called a "professional," it means he earns his living by applying his knowledge and skill to accomplish specific, and usually, specialist tasks. He is paid not only for what he does and how well he does it but also for what he knows. Logistics is a broad and diverse field that requires the knowledge, skill, and abilities of professionals in many disciplines if the system is to work.

A lifetime can be spent in improving one's knowledge of a field or a job in order to advance the state-of-the-art to refined, specialized techniques. Logistics is one such field. Therefore, a professional logistician is constantly updating his knowledge through study.

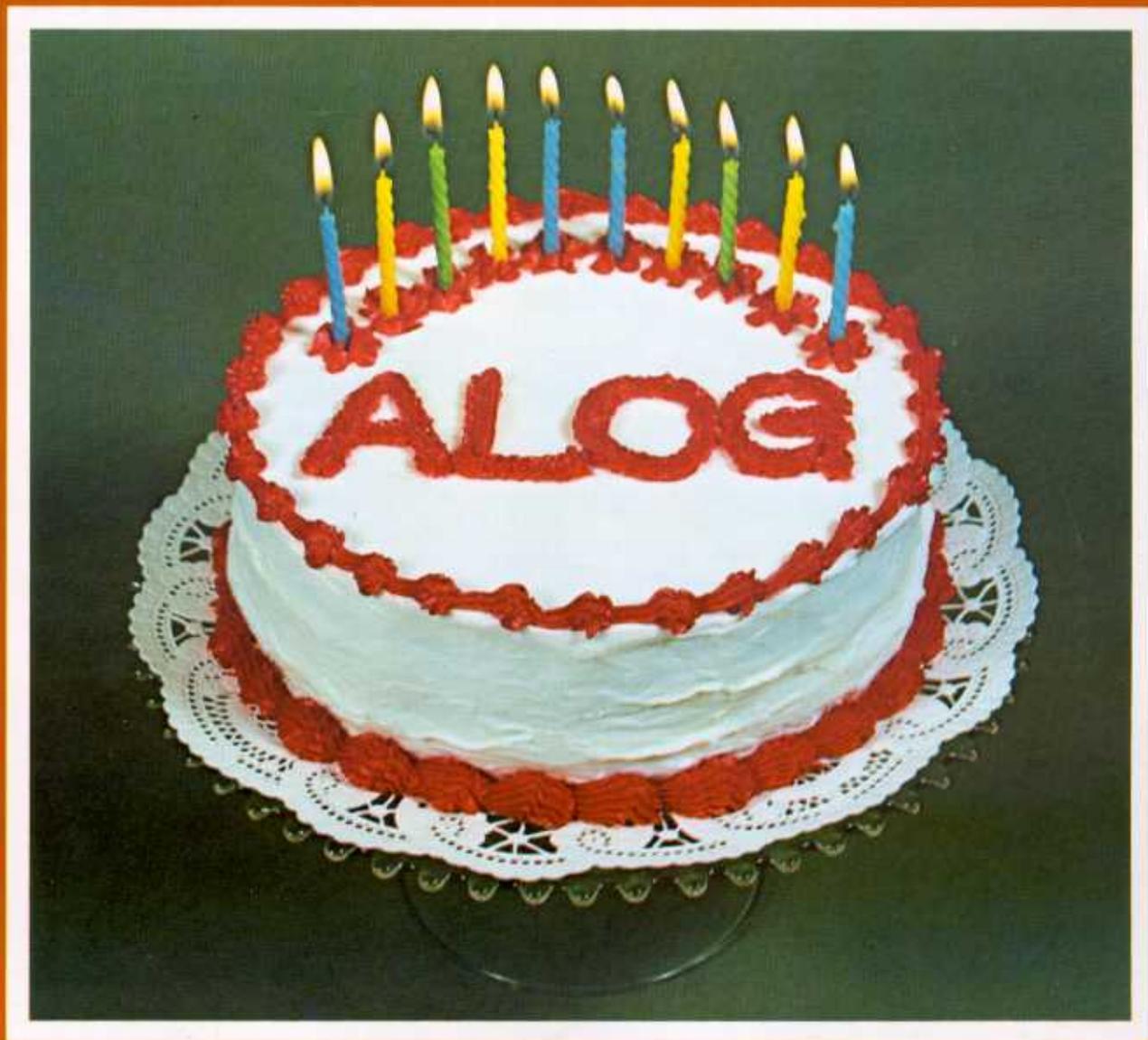
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A professional logistician works at his job, knows his job, continuously endeavors to improve his knowledge and skill, earns his pay by producing results, and is proud of his ability and shows it.

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