# CSE 300 – Informational Interview Report

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## Instructions

During this semester you need to complete three informational interviews. Once you have completed an interview, use this form to report on it.

## Basic information

Fill out the following information:

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| Who did you interview? | Jaren Lamprecht |
| Where do they work? (or are they self-employed) | ElizaChat |
| What is their current position? | Tech Co-Founder |
| When did you meet? (date) | 6/1/2025 |
| How did you meet?  (in person, Zoom, etc.) | Zoom |

## Questions

1. In 1-2 paragraphs, describe their story. How did this person get to where they are now?

Jaren started as a Computer Engineering student, but was taking a data and algorithms graduate level course and was doing really well, so when a recruiter from Google asked his professor who he should hire, the professor told him that Jaren was a good fit. Jaren got an interview, and was then able to get a job as a Software Engineer at Google. After working there for 8 years, he tried a few startups that didn’t pan out or were sold, did a short stint at Adobe, and is now working at his company ElizaChat which is a company making AI counselors for high school students.

2. What are the three most valuable insights you learned from this interview?

A) Ability to learn is one of the most important things in the field.

B) Showing passion and drive is also something that can help make a mark.

C) Being able to quantify your impact on projects is important for jobs down the road.

3. What was this person’s first position in this field and how did they get started with it? (For example, they might be a vice president now, but how did they first get started in this area?)

Jaren’s first position was a Software Engineer II at Google, and he got started after being referred from a professor to a recruiter at the company.

4. What does this person do that you find exciting?

He works in fast-paced scenarios and is able to work on what he enjoys. He pursues his own ideas rather than just working for a larger idea.

5. What does this person do that you might not enjoy?

He is always focused on being able to follow the money in the business. He isn’t able to focus as much on passion, but what will look good to investors.

6. When you asked for an assignment from them, what did they say?

Working on technologies that are specific to the companies needs if you are going for smaller companies, but being able to answer leetcode questions and understand the process and specificity of questions for larger companies.

7. What are your plans for following up with them after the interview?

I will keep in touch through email and family.

8. (Optional) Is there anything else from this experience that you would like to share?

Jaren is my ex-girlfriend of 6 years oldest brother, and even after hearing about him for a long time, this is actually the first time that we met. It’s crazy because he is in the same industry that I’ve wanted to get into for a long time and he has done very well for himself.