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Lab 4

For lab 4, we are asked to write about our career goals and are asked to make a plan on achieving such goals. My career goal is to be one of these three: UX/UI designer, full stack developer or a software engineer. To be honest, I would apply at any job that is respected for its design, software and principles and is well known. Of course, Apple is one job I'd apply at, but I wrote about them in the last assignment. For this lab, I will focus on writing about my goals on achieving a position as a software engineer.

What company would I apply to? There are so many however for this lab I'll apply to SnapChat. Most of us have used and/or have heard of the social media application SnapChat. SnapChat is a social media networking app in which "one of the principal features of Snapchat is that pictures and messages are usually only available for a short time before they become inaccessible to their recipients" (Google Search). Why would I want to apply there? Because I would to be a part of something that almost everyone uses. I would like to know what happens behind-the-scenes. Moving on, I went ahead and found their hiring page and searched for software engineering jobs. I found one called "Software Engineer, iOS 3+ Years Experience – New York." Let's talk about their qualifications, knowledge, skills, and what I would be doing.

What would I be doing at Snap? According to their description, I would be creating and refining high performance mobile apps, build fun, new products that are of course stable and run smoothly. Also, I would be designing and implementing well-tested Objective-C software,

working with the design team and carrying out code reviews to guarantee code quality. Moving on, the Snap job posting lists a couple qualifications. They have two lists for qualifications: minimum qualifications and preferred qualifications. For their minimum qualifications they list, BS/BA degree in a technical field such as computer science, 3 or more years of experience in developing iOS applications, "proficiency with multithreading and performance optimization techniques for iOS" and "strong CS fundamentals (algorithms and data structures) and problem-solving skills". I do not meet any of those qualifications as of today. I would need to finish college for the BS in computer science and study more on those other qualifications. For the preferred qualifications, they require knowledge in C/C++, Objective-C and iOS, Swift and more. I do have experience in C++ but not the others. I would need to pick up those languages in order to qualify to apply. However, I do plan on learning as much as I can and apply soon.

 Do I see myself working for a company like Snap Inc? Yes. I believe I'll be able to work for a company like Snap Inc someday. I have to follow through with my objectives and goals. As well as create a plan in order to attain those goals. It's going to be fun.

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