Interview HRS= 82 [1 month] Summary: [Bruce McNair]

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1. **WHY AM I DOING THIS**

I spoke with Bruce McNair given that he was a close family friend with extensive experience in the data science industry, and retired as a Director of Data Science in the industry. Of all the interviewees I spoke with, McNair had the deepest industry experience, having spent thirty years working in New England. I was excited to understand what a senior executive might be looking for in a data scientist, and was particularly keen to tap into his network given that he is also located in the NY tri-state area. In advance, I thought this conversation would be most representative of what I would want to model my career off of.

1. **WHAT DID I DO**

During the conversation, I attempted to outline my objective around the conversation, and McNair provided a lot of detail for his experience in the field, and contrasting what the field is now looking for from when he started. He highlighted that roles are highly quantitatively focused than what I was expecting, and the conversation was mostly rooted in his previous work experience.

1. **HOW WOULD YOU EVAUATE THIS INTERVIEW**   
   *Having spoken with this person, [was this a good use of my time?]*

The major takeaways from this conversation were two different magazines I should be looking at, although most learning would be on the job. He had several suggestions for how to improve a candidate’s resume, particularly by using a text analytics for job postings on LinkedIn, and using the key buzzwords on the resume. McNair also was the most generous for how he could support my job search, saying that he would be happy to look at job postings I was interested in, and providing context for the company and role being advertised.

1. **HOW HAS YOUR LIFE CHANGED AS A RESULT OF THIS INTERVIEW**   
   I have signed up for one of the magazines recommended, Data Central, and it’s already given me some great advice for terms to remember and job hunting. I plan to talk to McNair later for industries I should be looking at, since he also previously worked as a data science consultant in the Northeast America, so would be a great resource for understanding companies in my target geography.