

## Portfolio

Web Developer

## 1. A progress and challenges report detailing your job search efforts

Finding an internship or a job is the thing that I have to do while I'm a second-year student. I joined the events to understanding the job market of IT field and find opportunities in my career as a web developer. I applied for the CV during the event job career to get a job. Additionally, I join the group on their Telegram to get information about opportunities in the job of web development. Furthermore, I have tried to find a job on social media platforms and websites such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Khmer 24, BongThom website, Pelprek, and CamHr. Likewise, I chat with the HR of the company to ask him or her about any position related to web development. Also, I try to communicate with seniors to ask them about the opportunities that has for my position and include ask about seniors' experiences. Finding a job online seems easy, but matching my programming skills to suitable positions has been hard. Despite these challenges, I have made progress in my job search efforts. I have four challenges in the Job Search. First, Limited Knowledge of Companies, I lack comprehensive knowledge about companies that hire for roles matching my skills. This gap makes it difficult to identify and target potential employers effectively. Additionally, I have known only three or four companies such as ABA, Wink, and Sabay Tech. Nevertheless, have many companies that have positions for web developers. Second, navigating Job Search Platforms, I'm not well-versed in the most effective job search websites and platforms for IT roles. While I have used popular sites like LinkedIn and Indeed, I am not fully aware of niche platforms that might be more beneficial. Most web I use to search regularly don't have positions are match what I have learned from school, moreover, other websites or platforms heading for the IT network or cyber security while I have skills in web development. Furthermore, some job hearings aren't specific on the programming language and requirements clear. Third, experience requirements, many positions require at least one year of professional experience, which I do not have. Despite having solid programming skills and project experience, this requirement often disqualifies me from consideration. For instance, although having completed several programming projects at PNC. Fourth, Spending time to understand the company. In the research, I spent much time knowing and deeply understanding the company. It is essential to know the background of the company to avoid risks and issues related to salary or environment for the company to work in a comfortable and prosperous. For instance, I have to spend my time few hours researching and try to understand to company about year found, mission, vision, and environment of company. Moreover, some jobs hearing don't have complete job descriptions and clearly the requirements of a job. Therefore, I need to ask the seniors about more who are working there about the programming languages, the environment of the company, or techniques to prepare to get a job. Sixth, Writing the CV and CL are things that have to be prepared for applying to the company. It's an effort for me because first write them. I have asked the teachers to improve and modify make it attractive and professional. Furthermore, I spent 1 week researching and asking my friends and teachers before could complete the CL and CL. Finally, an interview with the company, although I had a name for the interview. However, I have felt afraid for an interview during the interviewer asked me. Additionally, I had an issue with the questions of HR or Technical interviewer asked me some questions I hadn't learned from school. Similarly, the interview used English that is challenging for me to answer with effectively in answering and being clear about what I wanted to answer to the questioner.

## 2. Practical advice for job interviews within the IT field

Preparing effectively for job interviews in the IT field involves meticulous research and preparation. Begin by thoroughly researching the company, and familiarizing yourself with its mission, products, and recent developments. Equally important is a deep dive into the job description to align your skills and experiences with the role's requirements. Second, review the job description carefully to ensure you thoroughly understand the job requirements and how your skills align with them. Prepare examples from your past work or projects that showcase your abilities relevant to these requirements. Furthermore, by researching and understanding the job description in detail, I can more easily prepare myself to match the qualifications and expectations of the position. Third, the review lessons and research something related to you major are important to pass in your interview because they will ask you what you have learned and test your knowledge. Finally, practice common interview questions. There are many standard questions that HR representatives or interviewers frequently ask candidates during interviews. Some of these include: 'Can you tell me about yourself?', 'Why do you want to work here?', 'What are your strengths and weaknesses?', 'Can you tell me about your experiences?', and 'What is your salary expectation?'. These questions and many more are readily available on the internet, providing you with ample resources to prepare your responses. Moreover, rehearsing your responses and preparing thoroughly beforehand can significantly reduce anxiety and increase your confidence, making it more likely that you will feel comfortable and composed during the interview. This preparation can help ensure that you can effectively answer all the questions the interviewer may ask, as well as address any concerns or topics you wish to discuss.

## 3. A reflection on what I have learned and how I have improved my skills after performing internal mock- interviews

Participating in internal mock interviews has been a transformative experience, significantly refining my professional skills. I have learned three points that improve my skills. Firstly, I have refined my ability to introduce myself effectively through internal mock interviews. This includes providing a brief yet comprehensive overview of my name, educational background, and interests in a manner that is engaging and relevant to the interviewer. The introduction yourself is essential to making the HR know about you. Moreover, the introduction is the first thing that captures the interviewer's attention. Secondly, expanding my knowledge, and participating in mock interviews has highlighted gaps in my knowledge and prompted me to learn new programming languages and technologies not covered in my formal education. This realization has driven me to pursue self-learning to enhance my skills further. Finally, beyond school education, the mock interview process underscored that formal education alone is insufficient for my major and career. Consequently, I have taken the initiative to seek additional resources, such as online courses, tutorials, and coding challenges, to improve my ability. Through rigorous research and dedicated self-study, I have significantly broadened my technical skill set, better preparing myself for the demands of my career. For instance, I have learned about PHP and JavaScript at PNC, however, it has many frameworks and libraries that I didn't learn at PNC such as React.js, Angular, Next.js, jQuery, FuelPHP, etc. I need to research and self-learn more after school. To sum up, mock interviews have many points that I know about weaknesses and points to improve to develop my skills and success in the IT field.