**Interview Prep Rough Drafts**

**Elevator Pitch:**

Thank you very much for taking the time and giving me the opportunity to interview with \*company name\*. NOTE: This next section should try and tailor to the company. My time at Codeworks has been the best and most challenging thing I have ever done. In all of the challenges I have learned to enjoy the challenge and finding solutions to problems. I have learned many skills such as getting more advanced in my understanding of Javascript in not only vanilla Javascript but frameworks like Vue 3, Node and MongoDb. I believe all of the valuable time spent at Codeworks will carry me strongly into my career as a full stack developer. With the knowledge I have obtained before and at Codeworks, I believe I can prove to be an asset to your company. I have done some research on your company and it impresses me not only how involved in our community the company is, but how invested in the employees you are is amazing. I look forward to hearing more about your company and what it is you do on a day-to-day basis as a software developer.

**5 questions with STAR answers:**

1. **Tell me about a time you had to work as a team member.**

* Situation: At Codeworks as a team 4 other developers and I teamed up to create a property management application.
* Task: I was asked to be a part of the back-end set up using Javascript with MongoDb/NodeJS and Auth0 to build out relational-data as well as implement users.
* Action: I was happy to take on what ever the team needed of me. I started out working closely with another program to make sure that we had the needs taken care of the server side of the app. I then took on front end responsibilities helping link the front and back end as well as styling the application.
* Resolution: We ended up creating a beautiful application that not only functions well, but also help with pieces of every property managers day.

**What to do to prepare for a specific interview:**

Before my soft interview with Zennify I first started making connections on Linked In. I started noticing a strong trend in employee satisfaction so I went to their website. I got to reading about all of the amazing things that Zennify does for businesses and helping them manage it. I then started reading into their “about” and learned that they got their start by helping out down in Haiti during the last major storm. Anyways I looked into their core values and tried to really understand. I then went and asked some instructors about Zennify and what I could do to better prepare myself for a Technical Interview if the time came. I plan to continue this exact same approach because I did land a TI.

**Whiteboard challenge:**

I ended up partnering with Kurtis and Chris C. We actually ended up trying three separate challenges. The first one was actually really hard and we got a decent way through the challenge, but by about an hour we decided to cut our losses and move on. We then moved in to another hard challenge that had to do with a real life “house robber” situation. We ended up getting one solution for it, but it did not cover all of the edge cases. We then got in to a challenge that cascaded down from one being the first number at the top of a downwards growing pyramid. It then ended up with 1 1 which the next row would be 1 2 1 then 1 3 3 1 etc. We ended up finding a solution for this problem as it was the easiest of the set.

**Questions to ask:**

1. What have people gone on to do in the company after taking this position?
2. What would success look like in the first 90 days?
3. What are some things you saw on my resume that might be a good fit?
4. What is something the most successful people in this role do differently than others?
5. What does it take to be successful here?