

# Kickstarting your Career in Tech

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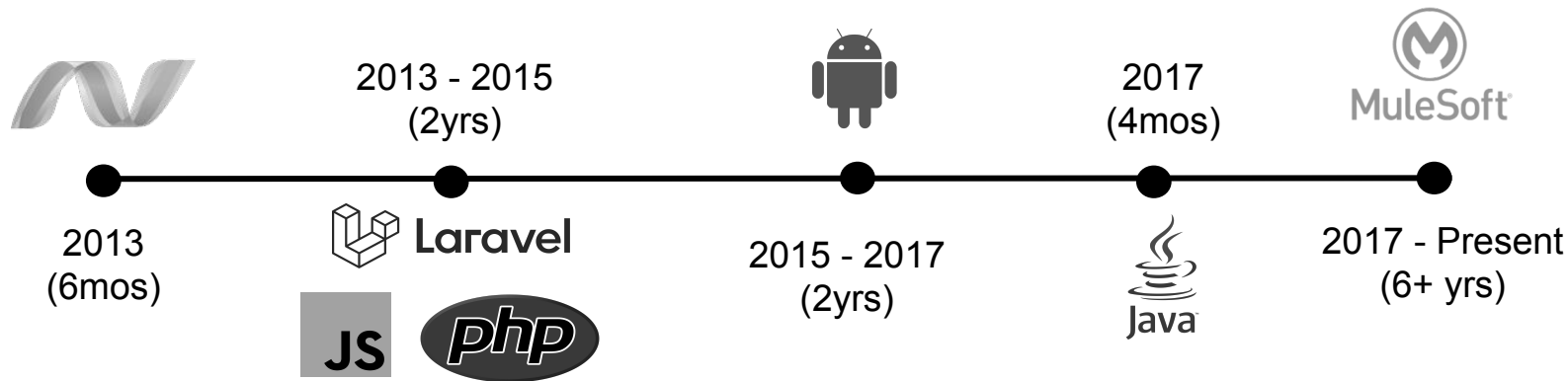
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# Hi, I'm Aj!

- 2 yrs in Academe
- 9+ yrs in I.T. industry
- Developer/SE Assoc. Mgr.

# Tech Skills Journey



# Goals

- Consider a career in tech
- Choose a tech career focus
- Guidance on kick starting career in tech

# Career Paths

Knowledge Professionals

Skilled Professionals

Business or Entrepreneurship

Freelancing

# Job Hunting Cycle

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Search



Contact



Interview




# Top 10 Emerging Jobs in the Philippines 2020

1. Robotics Engineer
2. Cyber Security Specialist
3. Customer Success Specialist
4. Data Scientist
5. Sales Development Representative
6. Full Stack Engineer
7. Devops Engineer
8. Data Engineer
9. JavaScript Developer
10. Cloud Engineer

# Top 15 Emerging Jobs in the U.K. 2020

1. Artificial Intelligence Specialist
2. Data Protection Officer
3. Robotics Engineer
4. Site Reliability Engineer
5. Customer Success Specialist
6. User Researcher
7. Data Scientist
8. Sales Development Rep
9. Cloud Engineer
10. Cyber Security Specialist
11. Platform Engineer
12. Full Stack Engineer
13. Enterprise Account Executive
14. DevOps Engineer
15. Content Designer

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# Job Websites

- LinkedIn
- JobStreet
- Kalibrr
- Indeed
- Bossjob
- Facebook

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**Interview**

# **Hard Skills and Soft Skills**



**“Hard Skills** will get  
you the interview,  
**Soft Skills** will get  
you the job.”

**Top Soft Skills**

**Graduates should have**

Soft Skill # 1

**“Communication”**

Soft Skill # 2

**“Interpersonal Skill”**

Soft Skill # 3

**“Teamwork”**

Soft Skill # 4

**“Problem Solving”**

# Soft Skill # 5

**“Adaptability & Flexibility”**

# Top Myths about Tech Careers



# Myth # 1

**“Tech Industry is for boys”**

## Myth # 2

**“C.S./I.T. degree is a must”**

## Myth # 3

**“You must be good at  
Math or Science”**

## Myth # 4

**“Everyone who works in  
tech is under the age of  
30”**

## Myth # 5

**“Tech is unstable and  
no job security”**

## Myth # 6

**“You must have  
programming skills”**

# Myth # 7

**“If You Work in Tech You  
Spend All Day Coding”**

# Top Myths about Job Hunting



# Myth # 1

**“Changing jobs regularly is frowned by employers”**

## Myth # 2

**“The more often i apply, the better my chances”**

## Myth # 3

**“Lower your salary requirements to land the job.”**

## Myth # 4

**“You will have a tough time finding a job if you are over XX age”**

## Myth # 5

**“It's not what you know, it's  
who you know”**

## Myth # 6

**“My resumé should should show all the kinds of role I can fill in”**

## Myth # 7

**“It doesn’t matter what email address I use to send applications or emails to recruiters”**

## Myth # 8

**“Let me join Company A. If I don't like it, I will leave it and find a better job elsewhere”**



# Job Hopping

# **Company Reviews & Salaries**

**payscale.com**

**glassdoor.com**

# Things I Learned

## In my series of Job Hunting

**“You will get  
rejected, and that’s  
okay”**

**“Rejection  
can be  
Redirection”**

**“Latin honors don't  
guarantee”**

**“Make connections,  
build networks and  
follow right people”**

**“Don’t rush things”**



**“Your day job  
doesn't have to be  
your passion”**

**“Find a job that will  
pay you well for you  
to fulfill your true  
passion”**

Things I Learned  
(and cont.)  
In my Career

**“Learn**  
how to  
**Learn”**

**“It’s okay to start  
small”**

**“Don’t work for  
money”**

**“Build your own life  
on your own  
timeline”**

**“Question the  
status quo”**



**“Establish Financial  
Literacy”**

**Q & A**

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