

People First  
Career Momentum

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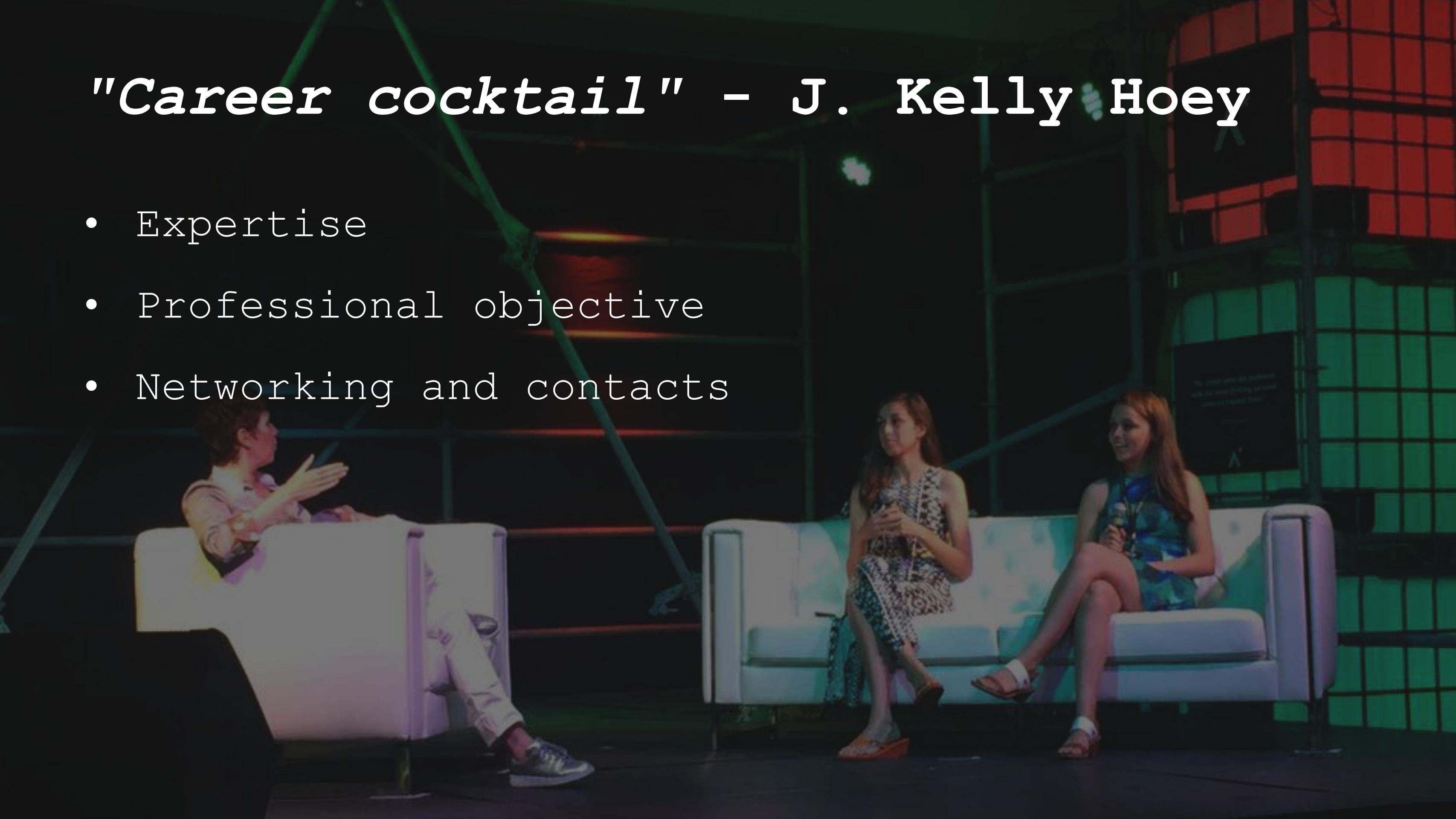
My lil journey in tech so far

The key ingredient in every  
move, job change, and  
opportunity has been people.

Career momentum

# *"Career cocktail"* - J. Kelly Hoey

- Expertise
- Professional objective
- Networking and contacts



# Expertise

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Hone your skills, and build your personal brand.

Know what you are good at, and what aren't you good at.

Write it down, and think about how to show this publicly.

# Professional Objective

*"We need to do a better job of putting ourselves higher on our own 'to do' list."*

- Michelle Obama

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Networking isn't just passing  
out business cards anymore.



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- Email signature
- A Zoom meetup
- Updates on socials
- Chatting on Discord
- PR comments on open source
- Teaching a workshop
- Livestreaming code
- Online discussions
- Speaking on a panel
- Writing a thank you note
- Moderating a community
- Referring someone to a job

Combining networking with the intention of your goals is powerful.

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# A well-networked person can...

- Send work your way/offer your a job
- Vouch for you/act as a reference
- Support your startup
- Help you set your direction
- Encourage you to make a change
- Cheer you on, and help you when you're struggling
- Provide access for those who don't have it

*"Everything good that has happened to me has happened as a direct result of helping someone else. Everything."*

- Danny Trejo



Be human.

Thank you !

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