**Informational Interview Notes**

* *Roman Stankiewicz - Full-Stack Developer (In person 12/8/21)*
* *Eid- (Scheduled for in person after 12/15/21)*
* *Jonas Oppenheim- Software Developer (Scheduled for after Christmas via Skype)*

**1. “What Attracted You to This Career Path?”**

*Roman Stankiewicz*- Had a degree in liberal arts and design and already had some basic experience with HTML & quite a lot of experience with CSS. Learning JavaScript was the natural next step to actually being able to build things rather than just making them look pretty. Felt like a logical next step.

**2. “What Previous Professional Experiences Have Helped You Most in This Role?”**

*Roman Stankiewicz*- Didn’t have much previous professional experience but being really good with CSS definitely made his work stand out. In his JavaScript bootcamp his peers work was definitely better than his but he was able to make his work look beautiful which, surprisingly, earned him better grades than his peers on some of his projects.

**3. “What’s Something That Would Surprise People About Your Day-to-Day?”**

*Me*- “I’ve been super surprised when I asked people what their day-to-day looks like. Like my mentor for example is super high up in his company but he says he still spends all day coding. Other people have told me that they spend a ton of time talking to clients / other devs. So my question is… what’s one thing that would surprise people about what your typical day to day is like? Surely you aren’t just cranking out code all day… or are you?”

*Roman Stankiewicz*- Some really senior devs do still do that, because they make sure that their role allows it, because they want to. Other devs end up becoming "engineering managers" or "technical leads" and are far more hands off.

*Me*- And what’s your experience been like? especially in the beginning

Roman- Lots of coding early on for sure. 80% coding 20% meetings when I was in office. Although remote, its more like 98% coding 2% meetings. I have a lot of 1 on 1 long calls with another developer trying to figure shit out together. Pair programming.

**4. “What’s One Thing You Wish Somebody Would’ve Told You Before Going Into This Field?”**

*Roman Stankiewicz*- Watch a lot of conferences like react conferences and meet ups. The best meet ups are on YouTube from places like Silicon Valley of course. Subscribe “big” famous coders on YouTube and Twitter. Download some extensions/ plug ins that will make your life easier for example iTerm2 for terminal… and make sure you understand and can talk about some major “buzzwords” like “Encapsulation”, “Immutability” and be able to answer simple interview questions like “What is closure?” I will send you my personal “Developer Dictionary” that I used to study via WhatsApp. (Saved to Notes)

**5. “What Are Some of the Biggest Rewards of Your Position?”**

*Roman Stankiewicz*- I still love the feeling of completing a task, getting from A to Z and just building something that works. It still feels awesome to get an assignment, tackle it and know that you’ve done a good job. Positive feedback feels great too. It always feels good to have team mates and colleagues acknowledge your good/ hard work.

**6. “How Would You Describe Somebody Who Would Excel in This Career?”**

*Roman Stankiewicz* - Enthusiasm, a humbleness and willing to say when you don’t know something, and soft skills. I think you will do well in this regard and have these kind of skills :)

**7. “What’s Most Important to Prepare for a Role Like Yours?”**

*Roman Stankiewicz* - It’s a lot of work. If you don’t understand something that you know is important make a note of it and go back and study it. Make sure that you can talk about key topics.. and prove to people that you have a deeper level understanding of what you’re talking about than most people.