



Hack Your Job Search: Chapter 3 Worksheet

In Chapter 3, “Decoding Job Listings to Find the Right Roles”, you learned about job titles and descriptions. This chapter’s Action Plan challenges you to list the tech skills you’ve learned along with soft skills acquired anywhere, including through jobs outside the tech industry and from life experience.

Here, you’ll practice looking through a real job description with a view to applying.

Note: The posting below seeks iOS developers; if this isn’t you, swap out the skills to skills relevant to your platform for the purposes of this exercise, or find another listing by searching “careers at” and the name of a company you’d like to work for, like “careers at PayPal”.

1. Read this job listing carefully:

An expanding mobile development team is looking for a Junior/Mid iOS Developer to join them on their mission to rewrite one of the biggest entertainment applications in the world.

This project was started from scratch in 2019 and continues to push boundaries within the technology space with its aim to enhance customer experience like never before. The team is composed of highly skilled senior developers in Orlando, FL working in tandem to innovate, feature-build and be as tech-forward as possible, utilizing the most modern technologies in native iOS: *Swift5, MVVM, Combine and SwiftUI*.

They are looking to start this new Junior/Mid iOS Developer immediately and they will help support new IT initiatives and develop quality customer-facing applications with their millions of users in mind.



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Requirements:

- At least 2 years of experience developing iOS mobile applications (Swift).
- Experience working with iOS Architectural and design patterns (MVVM).
- Knowledge of the mobile development industry and Apple best practices.
- A B.S. or M.S. in Computer Science or a related field or demonstrable computer science knowledge.
- Demonstrated coding ability and effective communication skills for cross-functional collaboration.

2. In this listing above, underline the skills the employer wants you to know; in other words, the company's expectations.

3. Highlight what the employer wants you to do. These would be your responsibilities once hired.

4. For each expectation, jot down your own related skills and experience.

Research any terms you're unfamiliar with. Understanding them might bring to mind similar experiences you've already had.



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5. Jot down the skills you have that relate to each responsibility.

6. Review your resume, LinkedIn profile and portfolio.

In going through this exercise, you might recall some projects, skills or stories that will be useful to bring up in a future interview. Revise your resume, LinkedIn profile and GitHub portfolio to highlight these projects and include the skills.

7. Track your stories.

When it comes time for your interview, the stories you come up with will make important talking points. Save those stories in a file and review them before you start the interview process.