#3 Alex Reyes

> I want to hear your story on how you got started in pursuing the Software field? (Did you start as a Bootcamp Grad)

He came from the Music field in Audio Production but more and more of his job became automated. It got to a point that all he would do was to press a button and every knob, button, slider on the soundboard would set itself to the last saved settings instantly. So since he realized his job was being taken over by automating software, he decided to switch fields to learn Software.

> How was the transition from (Bootcamp, Degree, Self taught) to your first job in the Software field?

He was already a ComSci student working at FFUF, looked on Facebook Page Startup PH, and reached out to the Admin. Knew Python some JavaScript, some Raw PHP, HackerRank checking solutions. came from a Computer Science degree from the Philippines and transitioned to job searching in Arizona where he was originally from. After he came back to the US he started (learning, profile website, updating resume)

Development Process team collaboration hardest working with other Developers git workflow, Agile

> How long did the process take to land your first job in the US? How many Job applications?

Applied before graduating college to a Startup through Angelist 6 weeks. 12+ how much he was interested in the company. what he liked about the company. how he can contribute. Experience with FFUF experienced with development process coding standards, team work. I will maintain an open source project that you guys use. Contributing to open source.  Up to date. Green Contributing. Typo in Doc. Branch Merch Request. READ.ME, Technical documents

> What advice would you give to yourself when you were starting a job search, having the knowledge you have now?

> What are some benefits that you really enjoy being in the Software field?

It’s fun, years of experience, culture of web development Podcast, constantly learning, Podcast. Building stuff he enjoys without being paid. Newsletter.

> As a Software Engineer how much of the breakdown would you say would be Front End Development or Backend Development? What the team needs the most, goto person. no real breakdown. Whatever it is you get assigned. Don’t know how to do that you go to the person who knows to walk you through it.

> Did you already know the technologies you now work with when you first joined the job? If not, how did you go about learning those new skills for the role you are in now?

Terraform, stuck ask the senior engineers. Google always know what to do.Official Docs, quick tutorial. More specifically to his task is.Specific Google Search, some stuff that was related.

> When choosing a company between other companies that may want you as well, what are the strongest factors that help you confirm that choice?

Tech, Development Process, Team, Interview Process, Way to talk about the Job. Bosses. Research Company beforehand for information. Glassdoor reviews. How do you like working at the company?

> Since the tech industry is constantly changing, how do you learn new skills? Does your work allow you to study new skills or would you have to learn it on your own?

Company time and on your own. Outside of work. 2 hours. Learning what you need to, to get what your task done. Not like going through a course. 2 Hours of work time.

> What would you say helped you prepare for interviews the most?

Conversational Part, present / market his skills, Youtube to mimic.

> What kind of algorithms/ data structures would you say that a person preparing for an interview should pay most attention to?