

## **How to Keep Tech Skills Sharp Post Completion**

- Code. Every. Day. > Missing 2-3 days can start to dull your technical skills!
  - Resources: Codewars.com, Code Monkey, CodelO
- Technical Interview Prep
  - **Resources:** HackerRank, Github, Pramp.io, YouTube (Instructional Videos, ex. Cracking the Coding interview)
- Study with a friend or fellow SB alum! Join our Springboard Alumni LinkedIn Group!
- Work on Side Projects (Hones your skills and adds to your portfolio!)
  - **Do a pro bono or discounted project** for a non-profit, small business, etc. **See:** Finding Projects After completion (below)
  - Work on a smaller project to enhance your skills with a particular language or tool.
- Listen to Audio Books or Podcasts
  - https://www.springboard.com/blog/15-data-science-podcasts/
  - <a href="https://player.fm/featured/data-science">https://player.fm/featured/data-science</a>
  - <a href="https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2019/01/27-amazing-data-science-books-every-data-scientist-should-read/">https://www.analyticsvidhya.com/blog/2019/01/27-amazing-data-science-books-every-data-scientist-should-read/</a>
  - http://storybydata.com/uncategorized/join-the-online-book-club/
- Follow, Contribute and Comment in online Communities:
  - Medium, Stackoverflow, Quora, Reddit, KDNuggets
- Attend meetups with presentations and/or group work that will keep your skills up to date on the current market trends. \*Present your project at a meetup.

## **Finding Projects After Completion**

- Volunteer/Pro Bono Projects:
  - https://www.catchafire.org/
  - https://taprootfoundation.org/volunteers/
  - https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/find-your-state-association
  - https://www.volunteermatch.org/
- Do you already volunteer somewhere locally? Ex. Boy & Girls Club, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, etc.
  - Organizations often post volunteer positions asking for pro-bono help.
  - If the organization that you support or volunteer for doesn't have any listings, ask your closest point of contact that works for the non-profit/org if they have a need or have any projects that you could be of help with (share your skills and possibly pitch ways in which you could help).
- UpWork, Fiverr or other side hustle sites where you'd bid on projects.
  - This is more time consuming and can require writing project proposals.
    Additionally, there is a lot of competition on these sites so if you're going to try this option make sure you're also seeking opportunities to get projects in other areas.
- Connecting with people in collaborative tech communities like...
  - Github, Stackoverflow, Kaggle, Quora, Slack etc.