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DataTeer: Data Product Owner Full time 2023



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Company: DataTeer (It is a bootstrapped startup based out of Colorado with 7 employees & fully remote roles)

Role: Data Product Owner

Are you an international student?: Yes

If yes, What is your visa type?: I'm currently on F1 visa

When did you begin applying:

I started applying from Jan 2023 onwards and I graduated in May 2023. I got my offer in June 2023

Strategy used when applying:

In a span of 6–7 months, even though I applied to 1200+ jobs via LinkedIn, I always preferred networking on LinkedIn especially sending out emails to recruiters and HMs. I saw the highest traction via emails.



Platforms used for applying to full time roles: LinkedIn, networking via LinkedIn & Build In

Platform through which you applied for this role: Commented on post & Emailed the CEO directly (LinkedIn)

Number of rounds: 2

Role of interviewer in the company:

Round 1: Data Delivery Manager

Round 2: CEO

Questions asked by interviewer:

Round 1: (Non-technical & Interactive)

- General intro questions
- Why join a startup?
- A lot of questions of my background/experience
- Consulting to PM helps me bring a good mix of experience.

- Since my role revolved around data-oriented work, he asked me about a data competition I won at NEU. (created 12 reports on covid for some data club competition)
- How do you handle client expectations?
- We talked about the different clients (size, product-market fit, etc.) I've worked in the past, and tools used in analysis work.



Round 2:

- A 1.5 hrs long interactive session with the CEO on his products and offerings. No questions were asked apart from tell me about yourself.

Questions you asked:

This probably changed everything for me as an applicant. I asked my 1st interviewer to set up a call with the CEO before any other interview round since I was confused on what were they offering as a service, functionality of the product, and goal as a bootstrapped startup. He ended up setting a call with the CEO which wasn't a typical interview. I ended discussing topics like current product/service offering, market penetration, revenue generation, 5-year goal with the CEO about his company.

Duration before the mail for the next round:

2 weeks before each round

How did you prepare for interviews:

- I used LinkedIn Premium which allowed me to record answers and the AI gave me feedback on my pitch, overall clarity of answers and all. I then shared my video recording on certain answers with my friends and LinkedIn network to get more feedback. The tool also provided template for multiple questions which was helpful.
- Company research and networking was probably quite crucial. I ended up networking with employees or learn more about the company which helps me answer why this company/role?



Resources that helped

- I used transparent sticky notes for all my interviews which helped me a lot.
- I didn't memorize any of my answers so keeping some pointers on screen was helpful.

Interview



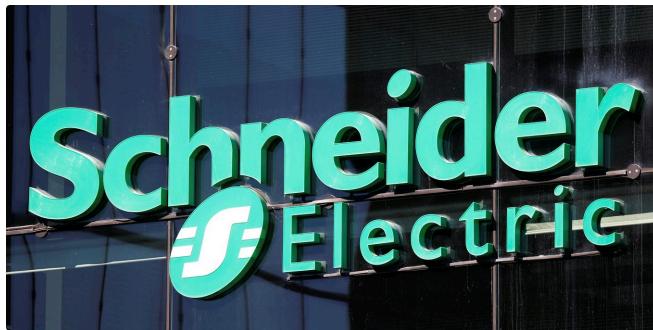
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- Recovered Saudi Arabia checkout failure impacting 4000+ customers due to incorrect GET form redirection

Projects

NinjaPrep.io (React)

- Platform to offer coding problem practice with built in code editor and written + video solutions in React
- Utilized Nginx to reverse proxy IP address on Digital Ocean hosts
- Developed using Styled-Components for 95% CSS styling to ensure proper CSS scoping
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- Visualized Google Takeout location data of location history using Google Maps API and Google Maps heatmap code with React
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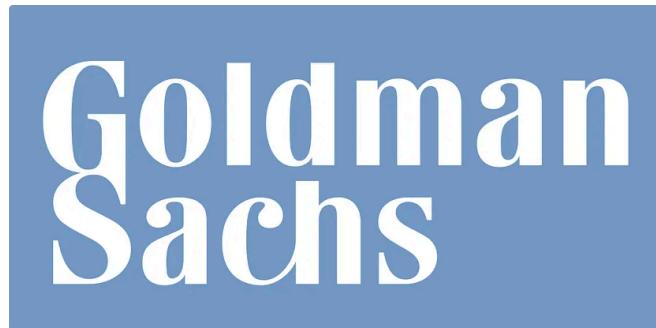
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