Local Dev Q&A

Welcome!

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Getting Paid as a Developer

Building an online presence

- Github

- A personal website

- Twitter

- Stack Overflow

- Blog!

Github

- Try to publish your own projects if they are not sensitive and/or client projects

- Contributing to an open source project

- Make sure your naming is consistent across all properties if possible (ie: /colinloretz)

- $7/month for a personal account if you want 5 private repositories

Your Personal Website

- Get a domain

- Use Github Pages for static websites

- Use a CMS like WordPress

- Use this to point to your other web properties

- It's an opportunity to curate what people find when they google you (and they will)

Twitter

- The tech world is on Twitter

- Follow developers/companies in the languages and technologies you are interested in

- Good way to stay up to date on topics, new announcements and even partake in conversations

Stack Overflow

- Create an account

- Try to find some low hanging fruit - questions you have run into before that you can answer

- Vote on answers that look like correct ones, even if you didn't write them

Blog

- Probably the most time consuming and hardest to do

- Largest payoff

- If you are building something and you learn something new - blog about it

- Example: http://www.thebrokendesk.com/

Finding Jobs

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- Internships

- Apprenticeships

- FTE Junior Developer Positions

Interviewing

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- Every company is going to be different

- Some will be focused on culture fit and talent potential over pure talent

- Others will focus entirely on code challenges and white boarding

- Test projects (paid and unpaid)

Explore an Area of Expertise

Critique Something

Solve a problem

Show your code

Books

People Problem

Culture Fit

Common Questions

"Describe the project you've worked on that you're most proud of. What did you do that worked out particularly well?"

"Describe the project you've worked on that you're least proud of. What would you do differently?"

"If I have a Rails application deployed on a server but users are getting errors when trying to access it, how would I go about diagnosing the problem?"

FizzBuzz

Write a program that prints the numbers from 1 to 100. But for multiples of three print "Fizz" instead of the number and for the multiples of five print "Buzz". For numbers which are multiples of both three and five print "FizzBuzz".

Algorithm Practice

- http://codekata.com/

- http://exercism.io

- http://codewars.com

- http://codefights.com

Freelancing

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- Freelancing can be great on the side while you are learning

- Allows you to get real world experience

- Easy to get in over your head

- Unstable income