

# Developer Job Search Checklist.

## 1 Build and evaluate your projects:

- Build a couple of strong projects that reflect your skill as a software engineer.
- Build projects that solve real world problems.
- Ex: Bug tracker, finance tracker, product review, e.t.c

## 2 Build a portfolio project:

- A portfolio website is your one stop shop to showcase who you are and your skill sets.
- It is important for your job search to include your projects.

## 3 Optimize LinkedIn Profile:

- LinkedIn is your one-stop resource to find jobs, recruiters, and share your profile with the professional community.
- Optimizing your profile will significantly increase your chances to land the job.
- Connect with as many professionals on linkedIn as possible.

## 4 Update your resume:

- Every recruiter and hiring manager will ask you to send a resume.
- Make sure to include relevant/applicable skills related to software development!
- Don't forget to add your skills (JS, React, etc), projects, and any freelancing opportunities you've done.

## 5 Research your dream company:

- Before you apply, you need to have a game plan.
- Get a list of companies hiring and search for recruiters associated with those companies.
- Maintain this information in an excel sheet.

## 6 Start applying:

- Once you gather your list, it's time to start applying.
- Use an excel sheet as a way to manage your application process.
- In parallel , start networking with other developers and start interview preparation.

## 7 Prepare for Interview:

- You NEED to prepare for your interview.
- This can be broken into 2 categories, Behavioral & Technical.
- Technical - Questions about your prog language, DS / Algo, and problem solving.
- Behavioral - Questions about Management, handling failure, resolving conflicts with teammates.

## 8 Get the offer:

- Congratulations you got the offer!
- If this is your first role as a Developer, I generally recommend you accept your first offer!
- A Developer with job experience will open up so many more opportunities in the future!

**Thank You!**