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With an Industry Mentor

The mindset of a successful job seeker



There is a right company and role for me out there

- Don't be afraid to get specific
- Use feedback from experts to tune your search



I'm the solution to a company's problems

- You have skills, technical and personal, that can solve real problems
- This makes you extremely valuable to some company



Be resilient and learn to handle rejection

- Job hunting takes time (even DJ Patil took 6 months to find his first job!)
- Lots of ups and downs in the process
- Many aspects of it (especially timing) might be out of your control
- Finding the right fit requires a few iterations



Relationships first, jobs later

- Referrals are the most effective way to get interviews
- Your network is the best way to get referrals
- Building your network is an upfront investment of time and effort



Avoid one-itis

- It's easy to get attached to a specific company, particularly a sexy one
- Not getting a job at a specific company does not make you a failure



Feedback, not failures

- There will always be setbacks, especially early on
- Think of setbacks as providing feedback about what to change in your search



Do you have the right mindset?