HOW TO GET HIRED AS A

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

2024 GUIDE

The truth about the current market in 2024

Finding a job as a new software developer is more challenging than it used to be. Completing a few courses and show casing projects is not enough anymore. Also, with IT layoffs in 2023, many enthusiasts have been discouraged.
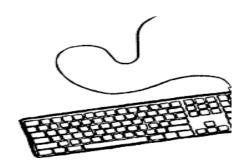
But don't get discouraged! This profession is still on the rise! Last year the demand for software engineers rose by nearly 19% and will keep growing. If you're interested in programming, I encourage you to pursue it!

Also not to forget to mention with the rise of AI, knowing how to read and write code will be a great skill to learn.

The hardest part about getting a SWE job in 2024 is **landing interviews**. Beginners apply with poorly written resumes and not- so-great portfolio websites...and never hear back.

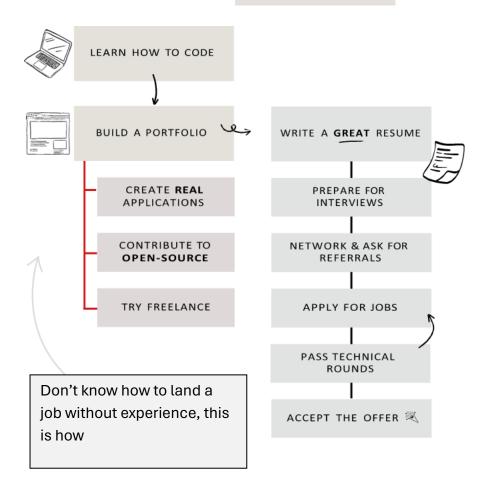To get a job this year, **you must play the "game" smarter**.

Learn how to stand out from other applicants and get invited to interviews next...

OVERVIEW OF THE ROADMAP

Self-Taught Developer Path

CHOOSE YOUR FIELD

LEARN HOW TO CODE

BUILD A PORTFOLIO

CREATE **REAL** APPLICATIONS

CONTRIBUTE TO **OPEN-SOURCE**

TRY FREELANCE

WRITE A **GREAT** RESUME

PREPARE FOR INTERVIEWS

NETWORK & ASK FOR REFERRALS

APPLY FOR JOBS

PASS TECHNICAL ROUNDS

ACCEPT THE OFFER

Don't know how to land a job without experience, this is how

Boot Camps - Developer Path

These are the few bootcamps or course you can take, in case you follow this path:

- WeThinkCode
- CodeSpace
- HyperionDev
- codex
- School of IT
- Umuzi.org
- ALX SWE

They offer amazing course for software developers, and you can choose any route you want, either frond-end development or Backend development. For me l started with front-end and managed to understand how to also work with High level languages which made my journey easier.

Create a portfolio that will stand out.

1. Make sure your portfolio has no errors and has responsive styling for all screen sizes.

2. Make sure all your links are working properly.

3. Include projects that you've built for real users (friends/family/yourself/local business/non-profit organizations)

4. Include projects from freelancing.

5. Include work from open source.

6. contributions on GitHub

Embrace Your Journey

Becoming a self-taught developer involves a lot of studying, building projects, preparing for interviews, and, of course, searching for a job. It can be a challenging journey, but in the end, it's all worth it.

The key is to focus on creating software and building projects that can be helpful to people. I'm not talking about coming up with the next billion-dollar startup idea. Instead, think about practical projects like:

- Pomodoro timer to aid student concentration   Simple website for a local business.
- Donation platform for an animal shelter   Weekly menu generator for busy people
- A job board featuring the top 100 growing companies to assist other developers in finding employment.

The possibilities are endless, and the main point is to keep it simple and unique, rather than replicating projects from tutorials that thousands of other developers have already done.

Don't overlook the value of contributing to open-source projects. It's an excellent way to gain experience and work collaboratively with a team. You can learn how to contribute here.

You can secure a high-paying job without a CS degree. I have achieved this, and so can you! If you want to learn how to build a great portfolio & resume that will get you hired, stay tuned for my video course, where we will do it together step-by-step. It's coming out next month, so prepare to finally jump-start your career!