



Advice on Finding Experiences

Experiences that Propel Your Career Webinar Series

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Experiences for Your Resume:

Internships

Mentorships

Certifying

Volunteering

Activities
demonstrating
Leadership

Personal projects
as professional
experiences



Job Experiences (technical and non-technical)



Every job you take **CAN** positively impact you – it is what you do with the knowledge, how you improve your skills, and gain experience doing tasks you did not know before – that makes the difference.




Employer's Perspective on Experiences



**Be able to
communicate
how you can
apply your skills
for the company**



An aerial photograph of a mountain range. The mountains are covered in dense green forests, with patches of white snow or ice on the peaks and in the valleys. A large, light blue lake is visible in the upper left, surrounded by forested hills. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. The overall scene is a vast, natural landscape.

Successful people are not gifted;
they just work hard,
then succeed on purpose. - anonymous

How do you get the experience?





What does it take?

- Make personal connections → Network
- Express your skills → Communicate
- Search, ask, & think outside of the box → Be resourceful



Where should you search?

- Google!
- Volunteer websites
- Certifications
- School career center
- Competitions in your field (NetRiders, Dream Team, Hackathons, etc.)
- Local companies, community organizations, etc.
- People you know: Instructors, Aunts, Uncles, Family friends, etc.
- ➔ • LinkedIn





It will not happen to you.
You have to make it happen.



Q&A



Resources to Learn More



- Career Advice:
[NetAcadAdvantage.com](https://www.netacadadvantage.com)
- [Pathways for Cisco Certifications](#)
- [Advice on Mentorships](#)



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