# LANDING A TECH CAREER IN THE PANDEMIC TIME

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## **ALUMNI SHARING SESSION**



Johor-UTM Institute of Technology and Information Systems organized a sharing session about "INSPIRING WORK EXPERIENCE AND COVID 19 PANDEMIC CHALLENGE" and was hosted by Dr. Johanna Ahmad via Cisco Webex from 10 am to 11 am. We are glad to invite our three alumni: Tan Yong Keong, Qistina Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah, and Mohamad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin as a speaker to share their experience and also the technique in getting a job in this sharing session. At the end of the session, there was a Q&A session to answer the audience questions.

Qistina - She graduated in data

engineering and works as a Social

Media Data Analyst for nearly one

year in <sup>™</sup> One, including internship

time. The key for her to get a job is to

make every effort into a real-life

project. It is a social media project

where they need to collect all social

media data and predict them into the

dashboard. It is a kind of marketing

purpose, and their customers or

management will use the information

to improve their brand. In addition to

having technical skills and being good

at excel and python, being proactive

is also essential to increase your

example, when encountering any

problem or difficulty, as a staff, we

need to find a solution or ask others

instead of waiting for them to solve it.

Also, do not limit ourselves and try to

learn new things from colleagues.

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chances of finding a job.

HAVE PASSION NURMAZLI AZLIN BINTI MOHD RAZALI



**YK** - Tan Yong Keong graduated June 2019 in software in engineering and worked as Data Science Engineer in Micron Technology in Singapore. Due to his courage and persistence to participate in many competitions and take projects as a freelancer, he manages to boost his confidence level and improve his professional and presentation skills. Besides his active involvement in co-curricular, he was employed because of his extraordinary resume. aood technical and soft skills, excelled in academics with a CGPA of 3.92, and was awarded the Chancellor's Award. The secret of his success in the field of programming is he always set his mind that he not only needs to create code alone but make it

**BE ACTIVE. DON'T WAIT.** WONG PEI SAN



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WHEN THERE'S A WILL.. JAUDAN AFZAL SITI HAJAR BINTI MUCHTAR



Zamarul- Zamarul graduated with a data engineering degree in 2020 and now currently holds a position as a Data Engineer in PPG coatings. He received this job through an internship program in which he is being absorbed as a permanent staff member. He was able to be offered as a permanent staff member because he suggested an ingenious solution for a certain networking problem he encountered in his workplace and it being used currently at his workplace. It is also worth mentioning that he is being considered for а more permanent position because he proactive shows is and willingness to communicate, do presentations and also help his something that will help the community. 'Practice makes perfect' is а auote that encourages him to do a lot of exercise to master and have a better understanding of programming as he believes that learning multiple languages is not a burden as long as we understand the concept and apply it to other languages.

confidence by participating in various activities, dare to try, not be timid to views. and sav our eniov our universitv life. Her superiors appreciated her due to her correct attitude, ability, and teamwork spirit rather than her grades and result. Of course, money is one of the elements that motivate her to work, but the most important thing is that she loves and enjoys her job.

teammates on their work. To increase your chances of landing a job, Zamarul believes that learning new technical skills using online resources such as online courses and programs training is verv helpful and it also help polish up and improve your soft skills like team working skills and adaptation skills.

#### WONG PEI SAN A20EC0170

For me, this talk was quite good because the moderator allocates time and questions to three speakers instead of just focusing on one speaker. Also, there is a question and answer session for the audience to ask questions. However, it would be better if we started the speech on time, and the speaker used a bright background, which would look smarter and energetic. I understand that grades only prove have that we this knowledge, but it does not mean workability. Therefore, employers will focus more on our problem-solving and teamwork attitude and ability. Hence, we should spend time developing our soft skills, not only focusing on technical skills.

NURMAZLI AZLIN BINTI MOHD

### RAZALI A20EC0125

I was really excited and love to hear this talk because it gives me the motivation to keep going and show me the path of my course in the future. The experience and tips shared by all the seniors make me more clear about what I will be and how to easily get employed. I realized that participating in any competition and cocurricular activities is also important for me in order to enhance my soft skills and confidence level. Also, students it makes become more relaxed. enjoy our degree life and not depressed with the assignments and exams.

#### SITI HAJAR BINTI MUCHTAR

A20EC0149 I love this talk because

the topic is verv interesting as it is related and inspires me to keep going to achieve my dream as a network security engineer. The speakers are interesting as their work fields are different but it has a connection to each other. Besides, they told their experiences during internship and gave some tips to easily land the job. Their tips are verv useful as it teaches good me to get grades,take more part in co-curricular activities and always volunteer to be involved in the project as it can enhance our knowledge.Lastly, I need to develop soft skills and technical skills as it can boost my performance during work.

#### JAUDAN AFZAL A20EC0308



This talk was a pretty interesting one, the speakers were diverse they all have different reasons as to how they were able to land their jobs which could be used as different reference points for students in the future and the points that are being represented in the talk was clear and understand, easy to although the title of the talk was about landing a job in the pandemic times i did not see that many questions focusing on specifically that, only 1-2 questions the rest are about just landing a job in general. Regardless, I now understand how to improve your soft skills by helping others, volunteering to be exposed with others and so on And how to also further improve your technical skills by joining competitions and doing online courses.