Be an Employable Engineer

Whopping number of engineering students graduate every year. It is easy to get lost in the crowd. If you are a final year engineering student, you have only one year left to upgrade your skills and enhance your employability. Here are some valuable things that can help you to improve yourself and get closer to a dream job.

Find out More About 'You'

One question that you are sure to face after graduating is 'Tell us more about you'. Interviewers will ask you this question. You can use this question to direct the interview to your advantage. Prepare well in advance for answering this question. In your answer to the question, you can talk about your strengths and put yourself in a much better position to bag the job.

Now you must be wondering, what are the areas of strength that will set you apart from others? Well followings points might help you to develop these strengths & become a valuable employee for an organization.

Use Academic Projects to your Advantage

Interviewers will ask you questions about your academic projects. Their main motive is to check how good you are at practical skills. Your project gives you an opportunity to put theoretical knowledge to actual practice. So be honest with your academic project and make the best out of it. Do not try to copy other project ideas. The practical experience gained will not only help with interviews but also help you be a better engineer. By doing your own projects you will develop a good understanding of all principles involved. Also, you have a higher chance of getting a job.

Stay Updated with Technology

Engineering technologies are always evolving. Almost every day a new technology comes into scene. Internet is the best source to keep a watch on recent developments in technology. Remember, your education does not stop after graduation. Try to widen your knowledge base. Read more books, blogs, news articles, etc.

Get Practical Experience

Recruiters look for achievements. As a student a good way to prove achievements is by showcasing the work you have done in projects. Take part in technical training to develop practical skills. These experiences help you to work in a team, be a problem solver, develop creative thinking and find the fun in engineering. Don't just take up courses or workshops restricted to your engineering domain. Try to take part in interdisciplinary activities. This is because when you become a professional engineer, you do not just have to deal with one subject.

Strengthen your Basics

Brush up on all basics of engineering concepts from previous years. Recruiters check if you are strong in fundamental concepts. Prove that you follow the correct approach to learning by demonstrating your basic knowledge. Expertise on fundamental principles will also help you in the future. For instance, it will improve your confidence to take up future roles in industry.

Improve Non-Technical Skills

Prepare for aptitude, reasoning tests by practicing daily from online resources. You can improve communication skills by reading books and conversing with more people. Ask questions, seek out answers, compare options and make decisions. Keep things in perspective and learn from experience and practice. Take up courses for improving conversation skills, aptitude skills and other soft skills.

Develop your Network

Make sure that you stay connected with all your professors and peers at college. Get in touch with professionals who do what you want to do. Spread your network through online and social media. Websites like linkedin give you a good opportunity to network in a professional manner. Networking will open up opportunities in the future. And you get to learn from mistakes and success stories of other people in your network.

Find Jobs the Right way

Make sure you register on various job portals and forums like naukri.com, monster.com, chetanasforum.com, etc. Make a list of all companies that fit your qualification. Keep checking their websites for internship or full time job opportunities. Use the internet to find potential job openings. And always keep your Resume updated.

And Remember

"Not just your degree, your skills, will get you a job"

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