

Innovation Through Community



February Newsletter

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Welcome!

Whether you're a new member or a long-time supporter, we're excited to welcome you to the Arab Tech Collective (ATC) and introduce to you our monthly newsletter. Our newsletter will be your guide to all things tech, community, and culture in the collective and beyond—highlighting upcoming events, exciting opportunities, and important news within our growing community.

Each month, we'll keep you updated on everything you need to know, from emerging tech trends, guest speakers, career resources, and more! If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Instagram, LinkedIn, and Discord to stay connected.

- The ATC Team

We want to hear from you!



Have a minute? We'd love your feedback through a quick member survey. This helps ensure we are concentrating on the things that matter to our community.

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Member Survey

Arab Heritage Month Plans



Next month is Arab Heritage Month in the US-and we're excited to celebrate with everyone! We want to encourage you all to attend as many meetups, workshops, talks, etc., that this month has to offer.

At the end of the month on the 25th, we will be organizing an event co-hosted with some of the local Arab ERG chapters from various companies. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a community to network, connect, and share our experiences and career advice with each other.

There will be limited access to the public, but ATC members will be able to register to attend for free. More details will be posted in the coming weeks, keep an eye out!



Useful Interview Resources



We get a lot of requests from members who are preparing for interviews, so here are a few great tools we recommend.

Pramp is a mock interviewing site that helps match you with a peer, provides interview questions and the interviewing environment. You'll take turns interviewing each other and exchanging feedback.

We highly recommend utilizing platforms like this in order to build comfort while interviewing, especially if you are someone who gets nervous when you interview. This will help you workshop your answers, get real-life feedback, and practice different techniques.

They offer a range of interview types from behavioral, to product management, to technical; any role can benefit from the behavioral practice, while software engineers may benefit from the variety of technical practices.

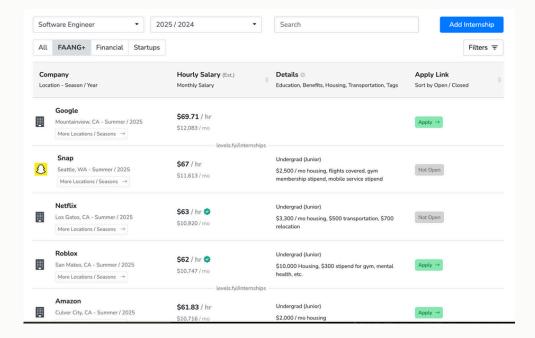
Interviewing.io is another mock interviewing site, however, instead of offering peer interviews, you will be interviewed by vetted professionals from FAANG and other top tech companies. These interviews are only for Software Engineers and are not free.

What we'd suggest is if you are in a non-technical role, make use of Pramp's behavioral interviews for practice. If you are in a technical role, start with Pramp to get in practice and only make use of Interviewing.io if you are in any of the following situations: 1) able to afford the cost, 2) are targeting a specific company (you can pay to get an interviewer from that company), 3) have an interview scheduled at a top tech company.

Student Internships!



For current and recent students, the greatest boost to your job search is by having paid internship experience on your resume; it is the single best thing you can do (after that would be a significant project launched, or contribution to open-source projects). This is easier said than done, but we recently learned that Levels.fyi curates a list of paid internships on there website here: https:// www.levels.fyi/internships/



Check them out and if you need any advice on any of them feel free to reach out to us.

Upcoming Events!

If you'd like to stay informed about upcoming events, we post regularly on IG, LinkedIn, and Discord. If you'd like to host an event in your city or promote one, we recommend reaching out in our Discord, we have a growing number of local channels.

For April office hours, feel free to schedule time on our calendar here: https://calendly.com/arabtechcollective/30min

Below are our upcoming events or events we will be attending. We will post more details closer to each one:

- Apr. 9th <u>Arab America Foundation Gala</u>, Amazon HQ2 in DC VA
- Apr. 11th-13th <u>Arab Conference at Harvard</u>, <u>Harvard in Boston MA</u>
- Apr. 25th AHM Community Celebration, *Hudson Yards in NY*
 - more details TBA
- May TBD ERG Sync, Virtual





