

Interview Assessment #2

Name of Professional: Maina Musa

Profession: Data Scientist Consultant

Company: Credera

Date of Interview: September 11, 2019

Assessment:

My second interview was with a professional who works as a data scientist consultant for a fairly recent consulting firm known as Credera. His current project is with Texas Capital Bank in Richardson, which is where I met him for the research interview. Through our meeting, I was primarily looking for some specific information that I didn't find in my first interview such as how cloud computing works, what the drawbacks of it are, and what makes up these platforms (the infrastructure). I also wanted to find out how much coding and the technical side of computer science professionals have to use in this field. Overall, I just wanted to hear the experience of another type of consultant in the field, that differed from my first experience with the professional at Accenture. As my first interview was more adventurous and learning how to interview, the second interview came a little easier. This interview wasn't as exciting as I thought, but I was able to walk out with a better understanding of the requirements to be successful in the field.

I got to learn about Mr. Musa's story coming into this field, and how he went from learning programming languages in computer science to becoming a data scientist. I was able to relate some of the questions in my first interview to the questions in this interview, and ask Mr. Musa how his experience was different compared to the first professional I interviewed. I also learned about how data science compares to programming and what Mr. Musa does on a daily basis in his career. Although this interview wasn't as creative as my first one, it was a lot more informative, which I found very helpful to my research.

Other than learning about the depths of data science and computer science, I also learned about the career of consultancy as a whole. Unlike the first professional I interviewed, Mr. Musa chose to stay in local areas in DFW rather than traveling far in consultancy. This was pretty interesting to see because many consultants I know usually travel to different states weekly or every other week at least. But seeing Mr. Musa's experience expanded the choices in this field. I realized that there are so many ideas in this career field that professionals can share or change as they pursue a career.

Altogether, the best part of this interview was the information that I learned important to the subject of computer science rather than consultancy. Although I forgot to take notes during our interview, I still remember a lot of the material I learned during this interview, which will definitely help me in the future. The professional I interviewed also said he works with college students at UTD, which is most likely where I will be going next year, and said he would like to keep in touch and help me throughout college and afterwards as well. This was the part of the interview that I was most thankful for and stood out to me the most.