

# Splunk Your Career

How to become a freelance Splunk unicorn  
in 2017 and beyond

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# How Everything Started

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From higher education till my first real job



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This is me and my family



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# School > First job

# Freelancing & Splunk

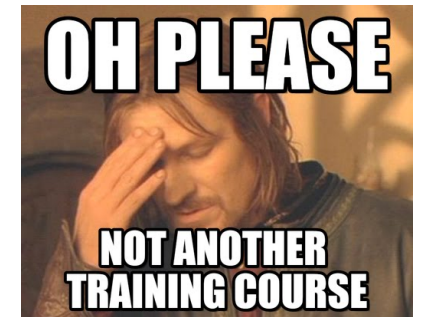
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The shit got real!



# From HP To Splunk

- ▶ Worked with Mercury > HP products from 2006 till 2013
- ▶ Wanted to do something else
- ▶ Saw Splunk coming by and invested in training



# Splunk Is Different

- ▶ Its business model with a free (almost) full version of the product helps adoption among companies really fast
- ▶ The product is developed as a modern product
- ▶ The time in which you can be up and running is fast



# How Can You Become A Splunk Freelance Unicorn?

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Practical advise here!

# Splunk And It's Partners

- ▶ Important gateway to securing nice Splunk opportunities
- ▶ What is role of the partner?
- ▶ Build good relationships with partners!



# Pick A Side And Train Your Self

- Developer or consultant?



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# Share Knowledge

Help the community!

1

Write and  
share what  
you know

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Put your work  
out-there on  
sites like  
GitHub

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Help people  
on Splunk  
answers

4

Go to Splunk  
meetups like  
Splunk Live  
and Conf



# Key Takeaways

What you should do anyway

1. Create a good relationship with Splunk partners
2. Know what you want to do with Splunk and get certified
3. Share knowledge, help the community!

# Thank You

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