

CSE Alumni Panel

Small and big: Working for start-ups versus large corporations

DMS 103, Friday, April 26, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meet your CSE alumni, ask them about jobs, find out what it is like:

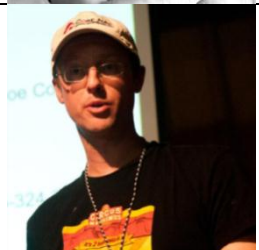
to work for a startup, to start a startup, to work for a large company, to work locally



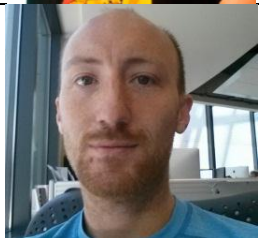
Jeff Chao is the Engineering Lead at Post+Beam in San Francisco. Prior to Post+Beam, Jeff was the 5th employee at Mobsmith where he was one of the main contributors to the mobile ad creation tool and rendering engine which helped lead to the company's acquisition by Rubicon. Since graduation, Jeff has shipped code in highly volatile environments at scale, hired and managed a team, and architected products from the ground-up.



Eric Jennings is co-founder of Pinoccio, an open, wireless hardware platform for makers. He is a TechStars NYC Winter 2011 alum, has worked for tech startups in New York City, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, and holds a CS bachelor's degree from UNR. He's In love with the connection between software, hardware, people, and the environment in which they live, but has a crush on Erlang, analog synthesizers, and permaculture



Ben Lucchesi is Chief Software Architect at Granicus and directs the strategic development vision on Granicus' legislative management platforms. Ben has several years of experience in building robust, interactive web and client-server applications. Prior to joining Granicus, Ben was the e-Design Manager at IQ Systems, where he designed and developed custom business solutions for electronic commerce and inventory management applications.



Chris Miles is a senior prototype engineer and UX designer at Microsoft, and has spent the last 3 years making the next big things, including the Kinect and a bunch of secret other projects he doesn't dare mention in writing. Before that he spent several years in the gaming industry working on venerable franchises at EA-Maxis and LucasArts. Chris received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees here at UNR, culminating in a Ph.d. in Computer Science and Engineering in 2007.



Saam Talaie received his Bachelors Degree in Computer Science from UNR in 2004 and went on to complete a Masters at UCLA. He started his post-college career at NetSeer, a startup focusing on natural language processing and machine learning for web content-advertisement optimization. For the last 2 years, Saam has been at Apple, working first on the backend for Apple's retail POS system, EasyPay touch, and now working on machine learning.



Hector Urtubia came to the US from Chile in 1997 and did his undergrad in Computer Science at the University of Nevada, Reno in 1998. Hector now works at PC-Doctor Inc., a Hardware Diagnostics company based in Reno. He is now a Senior Software Engineer and Team Lead for the UI and Data teams. Apart from a strong passion for Programming and Software Engineering, Hector loves spending time with his family, playing music, building DIY hardware, biking, traveling and learning new technologies.