



What's Your Flexistory

Rafael Lopez

With a combined 10 years of experience in software development, Flexisource IT's senior iOS developer Rafael Lopez shares his Flexistory for tackling various challenges in programming and life.

Let's join in his journey on how he was able to look for creative ways in dabbling with various technologies and maintaining his pursuit of passion and career development!

Who is Rafael Lopez?

Rafael Lopez is a senior iOS developer of FlexisourceIT for TunedGlobal. With over 10 years of experience in software development, Raf is highly proficient in Swift and Objective-C and has worked on multiple projects, from app development to deployment in the iOS ecosystem.

As a senior developer in the company, Raf starts his day with a 15-minute scrum meeting, essentially describing task progress, intents, and blockers to the rest of the team. Thereafter, he works on his primary duties as an iOS developer, including "investigating problems, testing, designing, and putting in some coding work." He added, "you need to ensure that you keep close communications with the rest of the team, in case there are things you're unclear about, or for anything that could potentially make your work more efficient or faster. Don't ever try to figure out a problem in a vacuum"



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Raf has a passion for teaching and has held several software training boot camps in the past. He said, "It's always fascinating for me to see students getting that lightbulb moment when things start to click!"

Aside from that, the iOS senior developer used to enjoy spending time outdoors with people and close acquaintances. But due to the pandemic, his hobbies shifted to indoor activities, such as cooking, reading, getting great deals online, and occasional gaming.

He also loves learning new things like programming languages that keep him sharp. "If they make me do better at my work," he claimed. "Also in the past, I've never paid that much attention to science, engineering, or math subjects, but now I have a new-found interest in them again. I've developed a great appreciation now for these things, and it makes me happy that there's a trove of resources out there online to bootstrap myself with."

From Literature **To Development**

Not everyone starts their career path in college. Unlike other developers, Rafael studied Literature at De La Salle University as a pre-law degree, since his father wanted him to be a lawyer. However, he eventually realized that this is not the career he sees himself in the future.

He mentioned, "...I realized I was more into technology, which was just starting to become a big thing back then. I still think that law is an interesting field, though."



Rafael Shares his **Lessons in Life and as a Developer**

Working with FLEXISOURCE IT

Although just a new employee who started only a few months ago, Raf has been enjoying working with Flexisource IT. He stated that “Flexisource IT has a great culture and a great CEO. Great people, too, all around! Plus, there are fun activities once in a while to keep morale up.”

Raf also appreciates an extraordinary mentorship session with our former project managers, Ms. May, as well as his teammates. He mentioned, “I’m fortunate to have a great team from Melbourne, made up of professional and technically-savvy people. You tend to try to uphold the same set of standards for yourself as you can.”

Shoutout to the CEO and COO of Flexisource IT

“Ms. Missy is great and supportive, and Richard is a great communicator with great ideas.”

Do not overestimate your capability.

In life, it’s important not to misjudge your capacity – whether at work or in life. Raf learned this hard when he committed himself to too many projects. He shared, “I suppose there had been a moment when I wanted to do everything all at the same time. I ended up spreading myself too thinly across all of them, to the point I could hardly finish up work on some.”

He advises everyone to find a key focus in life. He suggests, “Multi-tasking is a surprisingly difficult thing to be doing. So whenever I can, I just stick my focus on one or two key areas. You win more when you’re focused.”

Discover the Power of Learning. For Raf, being technically adept is not enough to be a developer. You have to be open to learning other things too. According to him, “A good developer is a good problem solver, who’s not only skilled in solving stuff in front of the computer, but in other areas as well—even seemingly mundane tasks, such as cooking or planning a trip.

Be a great communicator. On the same note, Raf advises other developers to practice good communication. He said that “A great developer must also be a great communicator of ideas! Most developers I know are introverted, but technical skills can only get you so far. Being a good communicator/ presenter/ seller of ideas takes you places.”

Suggestion Box

“Would also love the idea of a company knowledge base or wiki everybody can pitch ideas, experiences, etc. into.”