



# WEBINAR: DECODING THE TECH CANDIDATE EXPERIENCE



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- How categorising candidates can help you as a tech recruiter?
- What is the current state of the UK tech job market?
- How do tech candidates search for jobs and what makes them apply to roles?
- What is the impact of Covid-19 on tech candidates' job search?
- Q&A



# HOW TO CATEGORISE CANDIDATES AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

- Hard skills
- Soft skills
- Years of experience
- Industry

# GENERAL TYPOLOGY OF CANDIDATES

CW  
JOBS



UNDECIDED



TRADITIONALIST



DEDICATED



ACHIEVER



CHANGER



SETTLED



INEXPERIENCED



UNEMPLOYED



EXPAT



EASY GOING

# GENERAL TYPOLOGY OF CANDIDATES



ACHIEVER

- Relevant listings
- Compare potential offers
- Help with managing the flood of offers



CHANGER

- Ideas
- More open listings



SETTLED

- Provide insights
- Help naming their skills
- Provide psychometric tests
- Motivate
- Show the trends

# MAPPING THE JOBSEEKER JOURNEY



**Status quo** - build a support network/find a mentor, look for training courses

**Orientation** - plan long term career options, browse jobs online, look for salary info

**Search** - create a CV, find jobs that fit my wants

**Apply** - understanding worth, apply for a job, understand failings

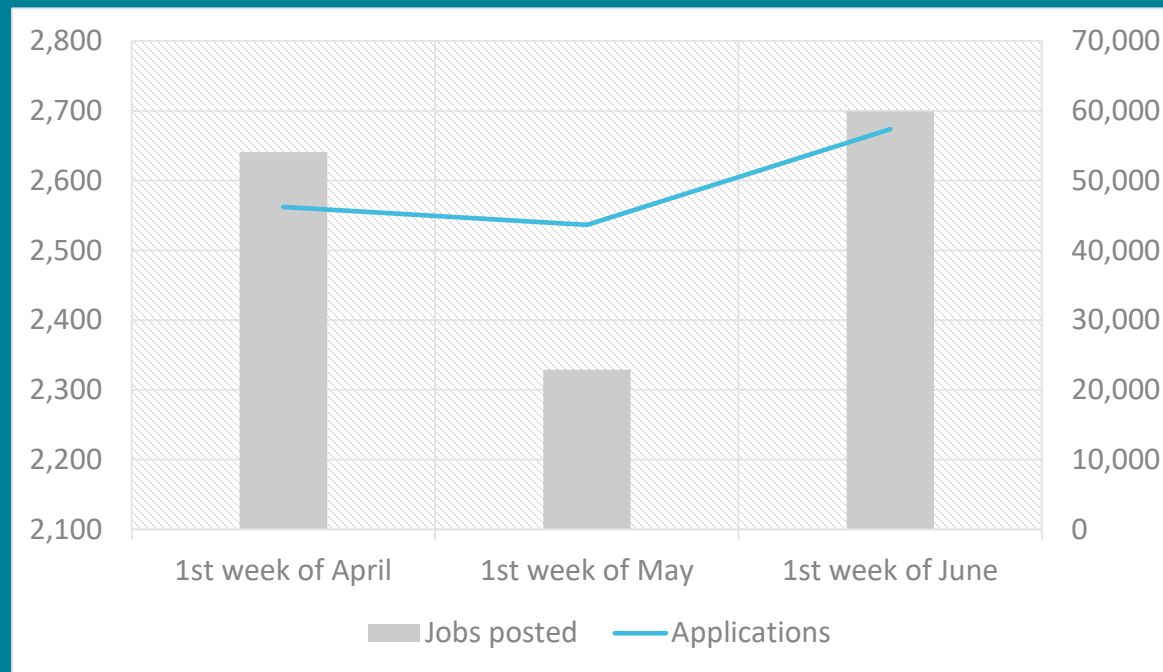
**Interview** - research and prepare for interview(s), wait to hear back, bounce back from rejections

**Hiring** - help respond to a job offer, understand terms of new job offer, resign from current job



## UK tech market seems to be close to turning a corner with hiring moving online

### Volume of jobs and applications on CWJobs April to June 2020



- ✓ UK unemployment surges to 1.3m in the first 3 months of the year
- ✓ But demand for specialist tech jobs high
- ✓ Candidate rich market with an average of 38 job seekers per vacancy\*
- ✓ First week of June shows **highest number of applications, visits and jobs posted** since just after lockdown
- ✓ **14.5k** active candidates last week on CWJobs



# ACTIVE TECH MARKET WITH STRONG VOLUME OF NEW JOBS

This year so far we had:

**3.9M**  
website visits

**1.4M**  
applications

**1.9M**  
unique users

**109K**  
new jobs posted

of which:

**540k**  
in May

**188k**  
in May

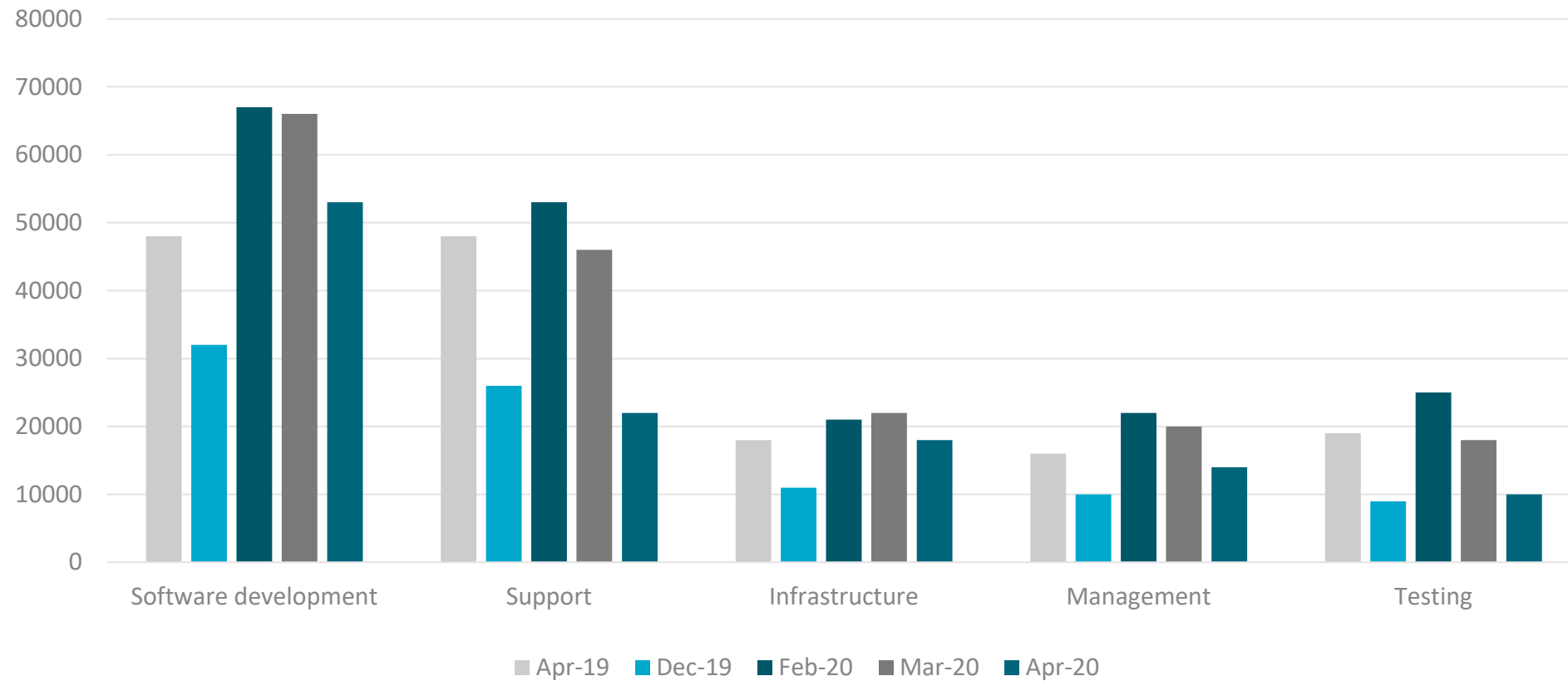
**274k**  
In May

**10k**  
in May





## VOLUME OF APPLICATIONS PER SUB-DISCIPLINES



# CANDIDATE SURVEY

- Insights from over 1,000 CWJobs registered candidates
- Between 28<sup>th</sup> of April and 5<sup>th</sup> May



## CANDIDATES VALUE TECH SPECIALIST JOB BOARDS

### What job boards are being used to find tech roles?

<b>CWJobs</b>	<b>91%</b>
LinkedIn	81%
Totaljobs	71%
Indeed	61%
Reed	46%

### How easy it is to find suitable roles?

<b>CWJobs</b>	<b>52%</b>
LinkedIn	40%
Totaljobs	39%
Indeed	32%
Reed	25%

### How simple is the application process?

<b>CWJobs</b>	<b>85%</b>
LinkedIn	66%
Totaljobs	68%
Indeed	58%
Reed	47%



**Salary information & location** are the most important pieces of information that tech candidates want to see in a job ad (**82%**)

Followed by:

- requirements & objectives (**56%**)
- required skills (**42%**)



# 58%

of respondents find missing salary information the most frustrating aspect of the job search

Followed by:

- too many unsuitable jobs (49%)
- missing or late feedback (46%)
- lack of transparency in the application process (36%)



46%

of respondents experience lack or quality of feedback as a pain point in the journey

When asked to select the most frustrating aspects of their job search, 36% chose lack of transparency in the application process.



# WHAT MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO APPLY FOR ROLES?

- Unnecessary or redundant steps in the application process
- Registration in the company's online application portal required
- No clear contact person named



# COVID-19 IMPACT

51%

have had their job search impacted by Covid-19 but are still searching



# CANDIDATE ACTIVITY

- **37%** secured or had interviews but the job was put on hold/cancelled
- **48%** applied for a job but it was put on hold/cancelled

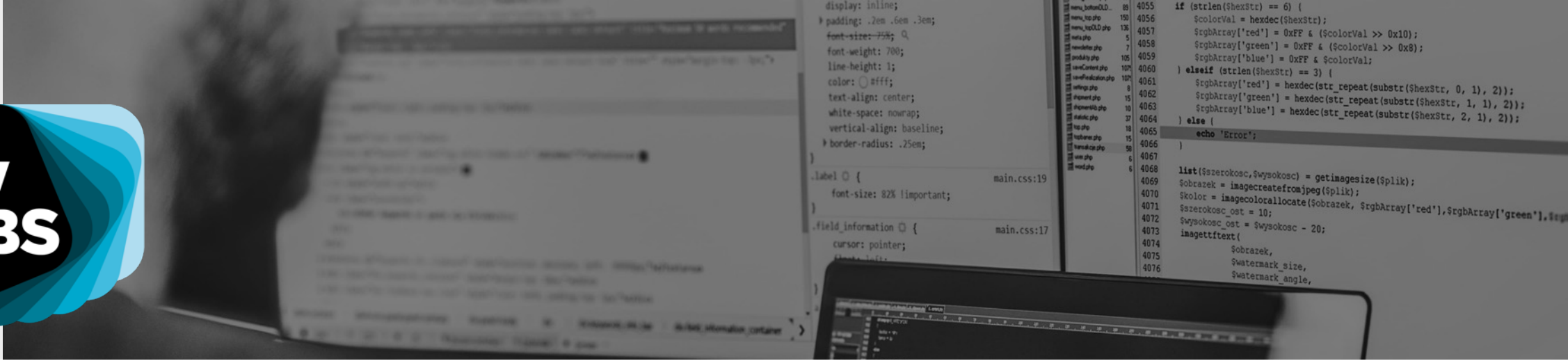


## QUICKLY ASSESS CANDIDATES WITHOUT THE NEED FOR FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWS

**91%** would likely use video interviewing

### Key benefits:

- Set up candidate interviews in minutes
- Work across any device at a time which suits you and the candidate
- Have a live video call or save time with automated self-record video interviews



# Q&A



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