Community has a very broad and loose meaning to me. I see a community as any characteristic between two or more people that are shared. This “characteristic” is also a very free flowing term. These characteristics could range anywhere from religious/spiritual beliefs to interests in certain academia to lifestyle habits (i.e. healthy eating, exercise) to geographical location. Community to me is a form of unity because of these shared attributes. Because the qualities of each and every person are different and tend to overlap onto other’s interests, a person could be in a wide spectrum of different communities simultaneously.

A few examples of communities, according to my definition, could be a club (robotics, leadership, recreational), a football team, a blog that you created and that others follow, a hobby you picked up, a specific lifestyles that you choose, or even your level of income (Low/high class community). As you can see, it’s very broad. Therefore almost everyone is in some kind of community with somebody else. Even your job is a community; all your coworkers work at the same place, which is a shared characteristic.

After brainstorming here is a list of communities that I identify with:

Student at Boise State University

Computer programmer/developer/computer science (my career)

Idaho: Boise and Meridian, area

Old high school robotics club

Personal beliefs: Equal rights, activist groups

Gaming community (Steam, PlayStation, Xbox)

US Citizenship, American

Healthy eating/lifestyle