

# Module #11: Time to get Employable! (Required)

## Career Services

Our Career Services team is built on the principle of empowerment. We are here to **empower you** to find a job using the skills you have learned in our program. We can't do the work for you, but we can motivate, guide, and equip you to reach beyond your comfort zone to find the right opportunity for you.

Don't forget that we can only help you based on the information you share with us; the more engaged you are, the more successful you will be!

## Career Services Resource Library (Review required)

### Career Services Resource Library

This library is an addition to your Career Curriculum and serves as a source of guides and templates to help you navigate the job search process. Please ensure that you visit this library often to help supplement your Career Curriculum and provide you the resources you might need to be successful.

## What to expect on the job hunt:

When transitioning into a new career, a reasonable timeline from starting applications to accepting a company's offer is 30-90 days. You'll spend time preparing your professional narrative and network just as you spend time honing your coding skills.

## What you DO need to succeed:

1. A professional narrative that showcases your strengths & passions.
2. Ability to showcase your previous skills as adding to your value as a technology worker.
3. A friendly demeanor - people hire people they like!
4. Ability to talk about technology - even technology you aren't familiar with - by relating it to concepts you do know. Yes, jargon matters. We need to call it an HTML element, and not a "thing".
5. Practice, practice, practice - the more networking events and interviews you complete, the more prepared you'll be for your next opportunity.

## What you DON'T need to succeed:

1. **"Perfect" looking code.** No one's code is perfect! Does it work as expected? You're golden!
2. **Mastering all technologies taught in the course.** You'll learn so much in this bootcamp, it'll make your head spin. The skill you're really trying to pick up: learning how to teach yourself new technologies using online resources.
3. **Previous coding experience.** Many companies will let you learn on the job and will appreciate the unique skill set you bring to the table.
4. **Every skill listed on the job description.** Often, the job description isn't written by anyone familiar with technology, and it can be misleading. Apply anyway! Talk about your strengths, and the ability to learn quickly based on your bootcamp performance!
5. **Certificate of completion from the bootcamp.** Once we've approved your Bootcampspot career profile - you're ready to start applying! Don't be afraid to start early, practice makes perfect, and you'll only get better the more interviews you complete.

## Create accounts (Required):

They're all free! Here are some resources that will get you started on the pathway to a new career:

### 1. LinkedIn

Join LinkedIn to get the latest news, insights, and opportunities from over 3 million companies. It'll act as a professional profile, and it has an activity feed full of wisdom from companies & individuals you connect with and/or follow.

### 2. Stack Overflow

Stack Overflow is the Wikipedia of code - question & answer style. It's like yahoo answers, except it has *good* answers. You can create questions and answer them too!

### 3. BuiltIn

Applicable in the following markets: Austin, Chicago, Colorado, LA, NYC, and Boston.

BuiltIn is a recruitment site for tech companies and startups! Hover over "Our sites" to get started. They'll keep you in the loop by delivering news & notifying you of job openings.

### 4. Angel List

Where the world meets startups. Angel List helps investors, startups, and job seekers connect!

### 5. Meetup

Meetup brings people together in thousands of cities to do more of what they want to do in life. This site is chock full of opportunities to meet with others who are passionate about learning code - just head to the technology category!

### 6. Gmail

Gmail is email that's intuitive, efficient, and useful. 15 GB of storage, less spam, and mobile access. It comes with free storage on Google Drive which you'll use to submit some of your homework.

### 7. Master the Google Document

You will be using Google documents to submit the first several career homework assignments. We want to ensure you know how to make your document editable for your Career Services team to be able to provide timely and meaningful feedback. Please watch this short [video](#) to become familiar with Google documents. Don't forget to try to create a shared document right after watching the video!

### 8. Medium

Medium is home to the world's curious minds. It's a blogging platform full of technology content - start following [Free Code Camp](#), and browse other technology recommendations today!

## Assignment (Recommended):

- [Connect professional dots!](#)

## Other Resources:

- [Stack Overflow Meta](#) - Stack Overflow, for beginners! The moderators are kinder, and the community is more forgiving of newbies. Signing up for Stack Overflow does not sign you up for Stack Overflow Meta - they're separate!
- [Eventbrite](#) - Bringing the world together through live experiences. A great tool for finding recurring or single events.

## Final Notes:

Job hunting is stressful, and trust us, *no one likes it*. Don't worry - we'll be here to support you through learning the hard skills and prepare you to succeed in the interview process. We need your participation and hard work - **but we'll get through this together**.

Good luck!

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