

NWA TECH FEST – SOCIAL MEETUP

Meetup Details: NWA Tech Fest – Social Meet up on 26th April, 2023. Agenda was to meet with fellow IT Professionals in area along with a presentation on “Billion Dollar Mistake? The Future of AI” presented by someone who is working with Walmart in AI.

Introduction: I along with two of my friends attended NWA Techfest – Social Meetup. This was a social meetup where you get to meet other people in the area who is working in IT. The venue was on a Community Hall adjoining a Pub and there was free drinks and Pizza for everyone. We signed into the attendance register, got our Name tags and grabbed a pint of beer before heading to the seating area. We arrived a bit early and met many people who were all greeting and chatting. We got to meet a diverse group of Professionals from all kinds of industry who were working with IT. There were Data Scientists, UX Designer, Backend developers and also DBA's. Also there were Teachers who were foraying into the Software world. After sometime, the event started.

Main Event: The host introduced us to the Body which organizes this and introduced the speaker for the day. The Presentation lasted for 30 mins followed by a 15 min Q&A session. It had many insights and we came to know many aspects of AI & Machine Learning. The Q&A session was also very informative. After a brief break of 10 minutes, the host Jonathan then talked about the meetup, how they organize it every month and also asked what we would like to hear as the topic for next meeting.

Post Event: After the event, we got to meet many Professionals who were very open minded and exchanged contacts. Most people were very supportive of each other and encouraged each other to take up challenges. It was great to meet and I got to know many individuals from different backgrounds. We left with promises to meet again next month.

Takeaways: Apart from the contacts of many distinguished professionals, the real takeaway for me was also to get introduced to such a concept where you get to meet like minded people and grow together by helping each other. I look forward to attend such meet ups as it also allows to get new insights about trending things in IT from eminent people in our ever changing industry.