**Week 5: Career Services Assignment - Find your people (AKA start networking!)**

**To do:**Check-off items: 100%

Networking is crucial for your success because it can open doors to new opportunities, provide valuable industry knowledge, and offer access to the hidden job market. By connecting with professionals in your field, you can learn about opportunities that may not be publicly advertised and receive valuable referrals and recommendations that can make your job search more successful.

**Learn more about networking**

**The first step is to learn about your networking options and decide which one (or combination) will work best for you:**

* [Networking in person](https://learn.promineotech.com/mod/page/view.php?id=10131)
* [Networking online](https://learn.promineotech.com/mod/page/view.php?id=10132)
* [How to create an engaging elevator pitch](https://learn.promineotech.com/mod/page/view.php?id=10130)

**Assignment instructions**

**This is a two-part assignment, so be sure to review all of the requirements.**

**1) Find and plan to attend your first event.**

* **Check the**[**Meetup website**](https://www.meetup.com/find/?source=EVENTS&categoryId=546)to see if there are tech events in your area that you can attend either online or in person.
  + Note: You may need to reset it to your nearest major city.
* **Visit**[**Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/)**,**then click “Free,” and then choose between online events as well as in person events near you.
  + You can also try [this search query](https://www.eventbrite.com/d/online/web-development/) filtered to “web development” events.
* **Sign up for a suitable event** and then add it to your personal calendar with reminders set.
  + After you attend your first event, remember to **share the details about your meetup or event** experience in your cohort Slack channel!

**2) Sign up for Prentus.**

Prentus is a platform designed to get our graduates in front of employers looking for tech talent. Prentus will also reduce the steps needed for our employer partners to contact you directly. There is a Prentus community job board where Prentus staff have added some hand-selected jobs that you will gain access to right away. In the future, Promineo Tech will also curate more jobs for our internal job board when we learn about positions that look like just the right fit for our program graduates.

* **Cost to you = FREE, if you use this link to sign up** (no need to pay for the upgrade, that is extra and not required to be connected to partners): [**https://promineotech.prentus.co/signup/member**](https://promineotech.prentus.co/signup/member)
  + Once you sign up, **check out this file to learn how to set up your profile: [Prentus Profile Setup Instructions (PDF)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YsSQsuXrbdeiNNehweASt--eJl00PsFP/view?usp=sharing)**

**Completion**

**Once you have planned to attend your first networking event and signed up for Prentus, you can check the boxes below.**

**Optional**

* **Write, refine, and practice your**[**elevator pitch**](https://learn.promineotech.com/mod/page/view.php?id=10130)**.**
  + Then, record yourself delivering your new elevator pitch and upload it to the internet.
  + You can use whichever tool you’d like to upload (YouTube, DropBox, etc.), just make sure you can give someone a link to view your video so you can get valuable feedback.
  + Use the feedback to continue improving.
* **Join relevant communities outside of Promineo Tech.** Here are some ideas to get you started:
  + [Top 30 Discord Servers, Slack Channels, and Web Forums for Designers & Developers](https://authenticjobs.com/top30-discord-slack-forums-designers-developers/)
  + [CodeNewbie Community Forum](https://community.codenewbie.org/)
  + [Reactiflux (React-focused Discord community and jobs board)](https://www.reactiflux.com/)
  + [10 developer-focused Slack channels to find your next remote job or project](https://hackernoon.com/developer-slack-channels-remote-job-freelance-project-98e9b70d6275)
  + [15 Best Slack Communities For Remote Workers to Join](https://remoteworkjunkie.com/remote-work-slack-communities/)

**Get help**

If you have questions about this specific assignment, or anything related to your career path or job search, please ask in the [#career-services](https://promineotech.slack.com/archives/C04MJ7JS9B6) Slack channel or attend Career Services Office Hours. You can see the current schedule in your sidebar along with the technical office hours options.