



Week 1 – Career Development

Journal entries

All-student prompts

All students should reflect on and respond to the following prompt(s):

Prompt 1: *Describe your orientation of the workplace and include the following: when did it occur, who did you meet with, and what are three key things you learned during the orientation?*

Week one has been an amazing experience for me. I'm glad I got to meet my co-workers and connect with them, as well as build relationships with my mentors and leaders. We were given an amazing tour of the tower, and every day we toured new meeting rooms to get a feel for the workspace. Our meetings over the past week have been interactive, and they have given me a clear understanding of what to expect in the coming weeks.

The key things I would take away from these past weeks are Brand, Networking, and Communication. I believe these three fundamentals will help not only at Red Hat but also in the outside world, whether applying for college or jobs.

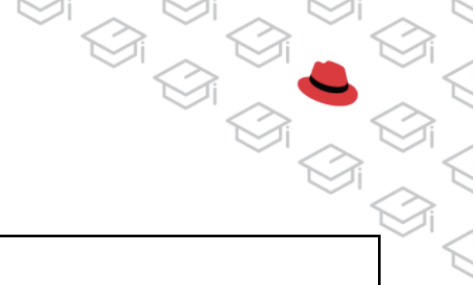
With Branding, I have learned how to build my own brand, allowing myself to shape others' perspectives on how I want to be seen, how I represent myself, and how I treat others.

Networking is important too because, in the work world, connections are everything. They present you with opportunities that no one else is given. For example, two applicants can apply for a job: Person 1 meets all the requirements while Person 2 lacks some key skills. However, Person 2 has a friend/inside person in the company. After both interviews, Person 2, despite lacking some criteria, gets the job because of the connection with someone in the company who advocated for them, while Person 1, who knows no one in the company, didn't get in. Essentially, having connections like Person 2 can be an advantage due to networking with someone inside the company.

Lastly, communication is everything. Over the past few days, I have heard many leaders emphasize the importance of communicating with others. Communication allows others to know what is happening, share ideas, and build relationships with co-workers to form strong friendships.

Prompt 2: *Define the purpose of the business/organization – what they do, structure, who are their customers, etc. What is your job description – what will you be doing, who will you work with, where do you fit in, etc.?*

Jen Dudeck works in HR, she recruits people and currently works a little with AI. My Job is to job shadow, I don't yet know who I will be working with but I hope that when the time comes to do my job, I will know where I

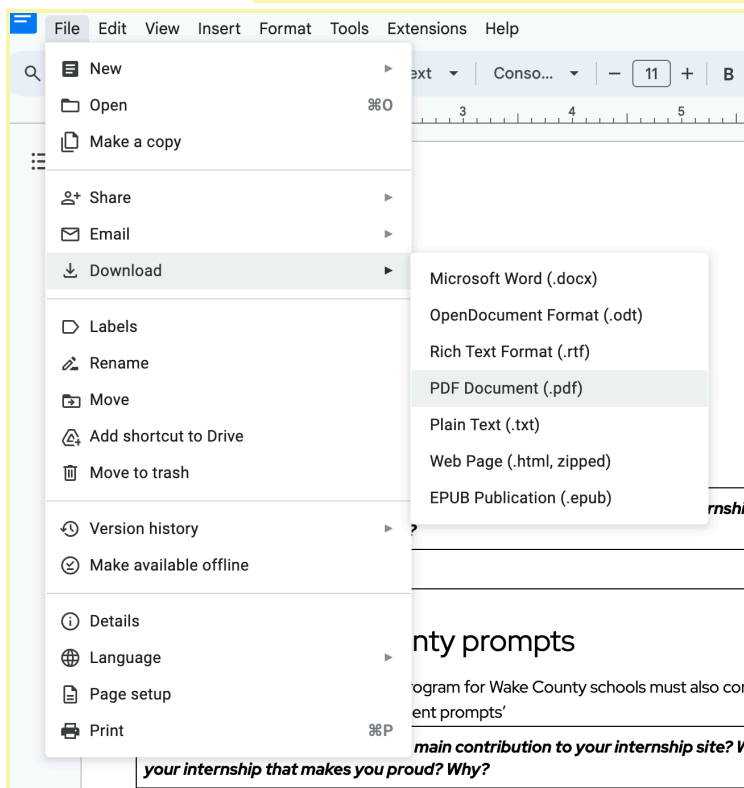


fit in and where I will want to work.

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