Medium Cheat Sheet

Basic Template
- Title
- Article Picture
- Sections briefly explaining high level details of your article.
  - Example: If you are writing an article about updating a Linux server you could include a section describing "What is Linux?" and another about "What are packages?".
  - The target audience for these articles are recruiters so we want to demonstrate that we understand what we are talking about and not just listing steps.
- A prerequisite section. This is a list of assumptions that need to take place prior to starting the project that you are not going to go into detail about.
  - Example: You will need access to a Command Line Interface and an AWS Account.
- Break down the steps to complete the task into sections and describe the steps to complete the task.

  This template is just a suggestion. Make your articles your own and find your own voice/style.

Check out these accounts as an example:
https://bmwitcher.medium.com
https://medium.com/@troy-ingram
https://medium.com/@kinseyparham
https://medium.com/@melissgibson
https://medium.com/@zaireali649
https://medium.com/@Michael.Cassidy

Helpful Links
Screen Grab:
- Screen Recording: https://screenrec.com/
  - This is a great tool outside of the built-in snipping tool because it has the ability to add boxes and text directly to the image screen shot all in one application.

Images
- Unsplash: https://unsplash.com/
  - Free-usable images.
  - Photographer and site acknowledgment not required but appreciated.
- Canva: https://www.canva.com/
  - Free image editing.

Adding Code
- Code Blocks: https://medium.com/blogging-guide/how-to-insert-a-code-block-or-inline-code-into-a-medium-article-7b697bd12e0a

- GitHub Gist: https://medium.com/@Maluen0/how-to-add-code-highlighting-in-medium-articles-without-leaving-the-editor-8f24f5a88d28
  - This will help add syntax highlighting to your code rather than posting a screen shot. This lets users copy the code directly without having to navigate away to your code repository if they are following along.

- Another Markdown option: https://markdowntomedium.com/Diagrams

Diagrams
- Flowchart Maker & Online Diagram Software: https://app.diagrams.net/
- AWS Architecture Icons: https://aws.amazon.com/architecture/icons/
  - Draw.io is a free resource and does not have all the AWS icons and some are old. Reference the AWS Architecture Icons PowerPoint. To use in your diagram, copy and paste from the PowerPoint.