PROMINEO TECH

Career Services Assignment 5 – Attend a Meetup

Points possible: 50

Category	Criteria	% of Grade
Completeness	All requirements of the assignment are complete.	50
Quality	Answers show thought, proper grammar, and are well written.	50

Instructions: Find a technology meetup or networking event and attend it. If possible, go with fellow students or alumni. Answer the following questions below.

Which meetup did you attend?

I attended the SQL Server meet up at Drive Time in Tempe on 08-14-19. The speaker was Martin Schoombee.

What did you learn?

The content for this presentation had three different sections. The first one was about a couple of different ways on how to measure tables in Power BI. Step one was creating a calculated table which is generated on the fly, and that you use DAX functions which I think that's the part that makes the tables iterate row by row, but I may have not understood fully. You can also use DATATABLE which is what Mr. Schoombee's preferred method was, and this one you can declare a table with your data types. Part Two was how to define a measure, I learned that each measure has to have a aggregate (a term that I recognized from the past week in mysql!) He also mentioned that this data is all stored in memory. Lastly, he spoke about Dynamic currency conversion which is useful for companies that deal with different currencies. The interesting part about this is that you need to create a bridge table because it handles the many to many relationships(another term I recognized from mysql!), rather than digging yourself in a hole with too many tables. These tables looked very much like what we are creating in draw.io for class, for example there was a product, supplier, and date table pointing to the sales tables which he called a transactional table. Martin had some great advice at the end of his presentation he said "Sometimes we have to take away the picture in our head of what we want the data to look like, and really get in the mind of the user and not loose sight of what will be most intuitive to them." I will definitely be following him on linked in, and I would love to go to another one of his presenations.

The announcer who greeted the speaker mentioned a yearly meeting for people in the tech industry called Pass Summit Marathon in Seattle, and she highly recommends it for anyone especially wanting to speak and or get in touch with phenomenal people in the field, and it was

where she got her big break and current position. Her name is Ginger, I did not catch her last name.

I was happy that I was not completely lost and at least understood tiny bits a pieces of Martins presentation. What I really took out of his experience, is that I really like going to meet ups because there are many different brilliant minds in the room! You never know what you will learn from technology details to advice in the industry. I even came across someone with a business card in the audience whos company was hiring developers, and that really stood out to me as a good sign that there is really a demand for this type of career. Nobody was "selling" anything which was also great to see everyone was just there to hang out and get information, and pizza and soda too. I will definitely be going to meet ups whenever I can in the future I think they are very refreshing with how many doses of new information I received.

Did you meet anyone new?

I sat by an older lady named Molly. She attends many meet ups and she gave me some recommendations to go to such as Desert Code Camp, and there is also a more calm, smaller meet up at a place called Garage and Sip with a nice coffee house atmosphere with a small group. I told her about how I am in a bootcamp and she wanted to know everything about it and she was fascinated by Promineos Tech.