

# GoCode Prework

## Week 5

Hello GoCode Students, welcome to the GoCode pre-work week 5.

The main goal for this week is starting some career research. The career plan section might not be applicable to you if you are not looking for a job afterwards, but might still be fun to go through! (Also - a bonus Spanish section. Costa Ricans do not speak a lot of english - it's very handy to know some basic phrases so you can at least order taxi rides and food at a local restaurant!)

### 1) Career Plan (30 mins - 1 hr)

- Identify 1 to 3 cities of where you'd like to conduct your job search after the program
- Try to identify a list of 10 companies in those regions that are currently hiring "Python" developers, "Javascript" developers, or "Ruby" developers
  - Read their job descriptions to get a sense for what recruiters and hiring managers are looking for
- Identify technology meetup groups in those cities, search with keywords: ruby, python, javascript, startup, web development
  - Meetup.com has a lot of the tech events
    - Sign up to these groups and start receiving updates on the next events
- Go to linkedin/indeed and search for jobs using their job engine
  - Search for "Python", "Javascript", "Ruby" keywords. Read the job descriptions of the first few results that come up to get a sense of what people are looking for.

During the course, we will go through how to identify appropriate jobs, approach recruiters and hiring managers, what to say and what not to say in your linkedin and resume profiles, as well as common interview questions. It is a good idea to read some job ads to get a sense of what people are looking for!

## 2) Beginning Spanish (Optional)

Many Costa Ricans do not speak English, so it's a good idea to learn a little basic Spanish before you come. It's also a really fun language to learn!

- Skim through these sections:
  - <http://www.learnspanishfeelgood.com/travelspanish/spanish-travel-basics1.html>
  - <http://www.learnspanishfeelgood.com/travelspanish/spanish-travel-basics2.html>
  - <http://www.learnspanishfeelgood.com/travelspanish/spanish-travel-basics3.html>
  - <http://www.learnspanishfeelgood.com/travelspanish/>
- Go to <https://www.duolingo.com/> and sign up for a free spanish tutorial

### Assess yourself:

- Can you say 'hello'?
- Can you say 'how much does it cost'?
- Can you say 'thank you'?
- Can you say 'I want to go to...'?
- Can you say 'I don't speak Spanish'?
- Can you order simple foods at a restaurant?