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Hack Your Job Search: Chapter 5 Worksheet

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In Chapter 5, "Traditional & Nontraditional Ways to Find Jobs", you got an overview of the different ways that you can find jobs in the tech industry, along with lots of resources to get you started. Now, it's time to get down to business and find out which options work best for you.

1a. Choose three hiring websites from this chapter and search for jobs.

Write down the three most interesting openings you encountered. These should be jobs for which you have some of the listed skills and about which you'd like to learn more. For each opening, note the title and additional information you'd like to learn below.

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1b. Which hiring website did you prefer and why?

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Register on your preferred site and set up a filter in your email program to save listings they send.

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2. Consult the conference directory listed for your tech stack.

Note below the next three conferences, including dates and the price of an in-person ticket vs. an online ticket:

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> **Tip**: Even if attending isn't feasible, following the conference's hashtag can help you find interesting Twitter accounts to follow. Many conferences offer the previous year's session videos online, either on the conference's own site or on YouTube.

3. Use Meetup, Twitter, Reddit or Google to find at least one local or online club.

Write the name of this club below, along with the date and time of its next meeting. Copy this onto your calendar and attend.

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4. Let your personal network know you're open for work.

Tell three people in your personal network that you're looking for work as a software developer. Write the names of the people you'll tell below, then return to this to note how the conversation went, including any leads:

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5. Pick one new way to reach out to land an interview.

This chapter covered many interesting ways to broaden your job search. Looking back at this chapter, what's one way you will push yourself out of your comfort zone as you work to land software developer interviews? What will be challenging about this? How will you overcome that challenge?

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