Career Services Assignment 5 – Attend a Meetup

**Points possible:** 50

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| 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 (either virtually or in-person). Search sites like Eventbrite.com, Meetup.com or do a search like this “[name of your city] + technology meetup. You can also ask your classmates or post the question on LinkedIn and see what recommendations you get.

If possible, go with fellow students or alumni. Answer the following questions below.

**Which meetup did you attend?**

I attended a meeting for the Women’s Code Workshop (WCW). I say unofficial because the WCW was disbanded after Thanksgiving. But a few of us still want to meet regularly and create our own spinoff group. We haven’t chosen a new name yet, hence “unofficial.”

**What did you learn?**

Since there were only 5 of us, we got to talk more in depth than usual. I learned about the very varied backgrounds of my groupmates. One woman is a microbiologist from Montana making a career shift during Covid! Four of us are bootcamp grads! 3 from Promineo in NH and MT; the other from Burlington Code Academy in Vermont. The fifth member is a self-teaching newbie, and we had many words of support and encouragement for her.

**Did you meet anyone new?**

Unfortunately, no, but I learned new things about these people. We also talked about our experiences when we were all just starting. Some of us this year, some 20 years ago! Nice varied group. We plan on taking easy this month and revamping the program in January, so I’m sure we’ll have new faces soon.