**Membership and Group research:**

**Frontend Developer and Web Developers**

*I chose this group because it is currently what I am seeking through the education at Bryan University. Being able to connect with like minded individuals who share the same goal or have already attained it will help my knowledge grow. Will also help improve with concepts that I am not too familiar with as of yet. Being with a group who are going through the same thing can help give me clarity.*

Learning front end development has been such a gratifying experience. Learning all the different ways to manipulate CSS to achieve a beautiful webpage, editing HTML documents both as is and dynamically with Javascript has been such a great learning experience.

Learning frontend development really appeals to me because it's what the customers see. I’m able to design a website that draws people's attention and keeps them there to explore. I’ve just scratched the surface but I’m excited to see and learn more.

**Full Stack - Web Developer**

*I chose this group because eventually I will have graduated Bryan University as a full stack web developer. Being surrounded with other peers with the same or similar achievements will allow me to once again clarify concepts and gain more knowledge. Chance to get more exposure for the back end side of web development which is ultimately what I am pursuing.*

I chose this path based on research, I have always been intrigued by everything technology and with a thirst for knowledge that is insatiable this seemed to be the right route to take. Working with classmates, professors, and in study groups to obtain better knowledge of the concepts at hand per class has been such an amazing and interesting experience. I believe this will ultimately help me achieve my goals in life while enjoying the learning experience along the way.

I chose to learn both frontend and backend so I can be able to work with and understand both sides of a project. Working with classmates has prepared me for when I’m in the workforce and doing projects with my fellow co-workers and being able to know both sides will really help me and everyone working with me to understand each other.

**Freelance Professionals**

*I chose this group because I would like to understand the process of being a freelance web developer. Being my own boss and working at my own pace intrigues me and sharing ideas with freelancers, job experiences and possibly gaining possibilities for future jobs would be fantastic.*

I do not plan on doing Freelance work, other than my own small projects which hopefully can all be integrated into a game eventually.

I would like to open my own web development business but that is in the future and will be after I have some experience under my belt to showcase to potential customers.

**Practice Making Connections:**

**Eric Lingren: Hello Mr. Lingren. It’s been a crazy journey at BU so far and I really appreciate all of the extra time you took to explain and coach me through my struggles. You have been the instructor that I have learned and progressed the most with as of yet. I would like to continue to stay connected as coding friends. I’m sure through my process in the front end and back end I will continue to run into issues as I have in the past. With our past class together I found that the way you go about teaching and providing feedback has been the most educational. I just want to say thank you again and I hope in the future I can continue to contact you with any future issues I may have.**

Hello Giselle, I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for all your help and everything you have done for me. You explain things in a way that clicks really well with me as you want to investigate and see what is happening and frankly that helps me so much more than words can express. I am so grateful for the study groups you host and all you do. I would like to continue to stay connected as coding friends in future. With all of our interactions I have found that the way you explain and investigate issues is super helpful in helping me understand the concepts at hand. I wanted to thank you again, I hope in the future we can continue contact and discuss any coding issues that may arise.

Hello Maya, I wanted to reach out to you to express my appreciation for all the help and advice you have provided. Even though it wasn’t always directed directly to me, I alway found that it was just what I needed to hear to help me understand better. I’ve found myself trying to look at a situation or an assignment from a different angle and that has saved me many times. Thank you for all the help. I hope you don't mind if I keep you in my list of contacts.

**SMART Connection Goals:**

**I plan to connect with various groups to start developing relationships with individuals that are like minded and focus on the same goals of becoming a full stack web developer. I plan to achieve this within the next 3-5 months so by the time I receive my certification and begin to search for employment opportunities, I will already have a presence in the web development scene so that I am able to jump at those positions.**

I plan to learn more about networking, so that I may start networking into businesses that I feel are the right fit for me. Along with networking with classmates and fellow students so that I may have great connections and friendships with like minded people. I plan to use my free time to get familiar with other coding/programming languages to further expand my knowledge that will ultimately lead to my end goal.

I plan to work with our Career Advisors to put together my powerful and memorable networking skills. I’m familiar and comfortable talking to many different people but it wouldn't hurt since this is a new field I’m entering.