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**MODULE 2.1:** EVENT PLANNING

**Event #1:** [URL here] <https://www.meetup.com/New-Jersey-Data-Science-Meetup/>

What:meet up

Where: Parsippany, New Jersey

When: 10/19/2019

Goals: First Meet up, trying to see how it works, trying to know some people who in the data science field

**Event #2 (if applicable):** [URL here]

What:

Where:

When:

Goals:

**MODULE 2.2A:** EVENT RECAP

**What went well:**

* Learned how industrial project works, and some popular techniques used
* Noticing that people who in the field very friendly and trying to share their knowledge
* Basic impression about some pros and cons to be a data scientist
* Had talked to two people and heard their path to be a data scientist

**What didn’t:**

* There are a lot of terminologies which is hard to fellow or understand
* People are professional, so it is hard to start a conversation with them
* May need to do more topic search or preparation before attending

**Connection #1:**

Contact Info: **Adriana K.**

Next Steps for Follow Up: Will meeting in the next meet up and will prepare more questions

**Connection #2:**

Contact Info: Ramesh N.

Next Steps for Follow Up: Will send emails if having more questions and will receive email if there some job opportunities.

**Connection #3:**

Contact Info:

Next Steps for Follow Up:

**MODULE 2.2B:** COLD OUTREACH

**Connection #1:** Sheng Qian

Who (LinkedIn URL): **:** <https://www.linkedin.com/in/shengq/>

Outreach Attempt Email/Message:

Hi Sheng Qian, my name is Song Wang and I am a new data scientist curious to learn more about the day to day at New York Life Investments. Also, we had a similar background and want to get some insights about how you switch from the food engineer to data scientist. I hope to hear more about your journey as a data scientist, so would be free to grab coffee or connect over the phone next week for 30 mins?

**Connection #2:** Stella Kim

Who (LinkedIn URL): <https://www.linkedin.com/in/stellahkim93/>

Outreach Attempt Email/Message:

Hi Stella Kim, I am Song Wang and I am a data scientist with machine learning experiences. I saw you have a medical background and attend a data bootcamp and start a career as a data scientist at Pfizer. And I have a similar background and finishing the immersive data bootcamp now, so really get inspired from your experience and really like to know more about your career path and your company. Would you be free to connect over the phone next week for 30 mins?

**Connection #1: Yuhan Sun**

Who (LinkedIn URL): <https://www.linkedin.com/in/yuhansun/>

Outreach Attempt Email/Message:

Hi Yuhan, I saw that you have been working as a data scientist for years and I am a new data scientist and really like to work with data and exploring different machine learning algorithms to get insights for solving business problems. I would like to connect in order to learn about how your team operates and how people from different group collaborate with data scientists. Also if you could share more about the most essential or popular data science skills needed in your group would be much appreciated

**MODULE 2.3:** INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW RECAP

**Informational Interview #1:**

Who: YunLing

When: 10/20/2019

Content of Chat:

* How data scientist/Analyst works in an insurance company.
  + Normally, they have their own project and report to team leaders very week
  + Some project needs multiple people involve, because various knowledges required
  + There will 2-3 month that they have to work overtime and meet the deadline, cause insurance project really depends on seasons
* How long it takes for an entry level scientist to start their own project.
  + It depends the projects, but normally takes 6 to 12 months
* How data scientists collaborate with other departments
  + They need to constantly work with actuaries and underwriters
  + The data will be back and forth for in depth processing and understanding
  + Good time management skills is very important for making sure everyone is on the same page and do not have to wait too long.
* What are the major jobs for data scientists?
  + Predictive modeling
  + Machine learning techniques
  + Time series
  + Data visualization
  + Connecting data to insurance police or plans

Key Takeaways:

* data analyst/scientist need to keep learning new skills
* A lot of collaboration with other departments and provide insights
* It is better for take some actuarial exams for better understanding insurance police
* The main insurance companies are in NYC, Boston and Chicago.
* Next Steps:
* Got emails and phone number. May contact for a second chat.

**Informational Interview #2 (if applicable):**

Who:

When:

Content of Chat:

Key Takeaways:

Next Steps: