

Front-End Web Developer Nanodegree: Community & Career Development

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Calendar of Events for Cohort #1

Your Nanodegree cohort will have events each month to give you career development tips and help strengthen our community. Most activities will be held via video conferencing either over Hangouts on Air or WebEx, and exact dates and times for these activities will be announced as they approach. More events will be added to this calendar as well and date/times will be updated and publicized, so stay tuned! Recorded versions of all events will be available afterward for those who cannot attend live or wish to watch them again.

Event	Date
Kick-Off	Friday, October 10, 4PM PDT
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How to Conduct an Informational Interview	January 2015
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October 2014

Nanodegree Kick-Off - Session #1

Friday, October 10, 4PM PDT

We hope you're as excited as we are at Udacity to get this nanodegree started! Join Michael Wales (Curriculum Manager) and Miriam Swords Kalk (Community Manager) in launching the Front-End Web Development Nanodegree! We'll fill you in on what to expect from the Nanodegree, help you start off on the right foot with some study tips, and answer any questions you might have about the program. We can't wait to meet you - our inaugural class!

Marketing Your Professional LinkedIn Profile

Wednesday, October 29

Technical know-how is crucial to advancing your career, but no one will know about all of your valuable skills until you tell the world about them. Learn how to make your LinkedIn profile showcase the true, awesome you so that you can effectively market yourself to potential employers and colleagues.

November 2014

Resume Revamp

TBD

Now that you've started creating an interactive version of your resume online, it's time to think about the content you put in it. This workshop will help your resume reflect the best of who you are, so that it can continue to evolve as you progress through the Nanodegree.

December 2014

Become a GitHub Pro

TBD

With two projects under your belt and some initial experience with version control, it's time to become a GitHub master. Learn how engineers use GitHub on the job every day so you can adopt their habits and best practices.

January 2015

How to Conduct an Informational Interview

TBD

Ever wonder what it's like to do a different job? There's nothing like talking to a person who actually has that job to find out! Informational interviews will give you first-hand insight from experts as you prepare to either launch your next career or shift roles within your company or industry. Join us to learn how to set up, prepare for, and make the most of your time in informational interviews.

February 2015

Researching Industries

TBD

You're halfway through the Nanodegree! The skills and knowledge you'll have by the end of the program will open up a number of different doors, so it's important to start spending time now thinking about what direction you would like to go in next. We will learn about casting a broad net while also understanding when and how to narrow down companies, departments and roles when searching for the right job.

Hiring Manager Q&A

TBD

Is the hiring process a mystery? What do interviewers look for in the ideal candidate? We will be welcoming guests who are pros in the industry and recruit candidate for a living. They will be giving an overview of the process while answering any questions you might have for them in an informal setting.

March 2015

Extending Your Network

TBD

At least 70 per cent of jobs are never published. How do you find out about them? Your network is the powerful tool that will help you get closer to the dream job. Your fellow students will be the cornerstone of your professional network of front-end web developers. As you connect with instructors and experts through the program, we will also equip you with tools you can use to build your network further. This session will help you get started, provide tips on growing and sustaining the network while also giving up to build credibility.

April 2015

I'm ready for a job! Now what?

TBD

Now that you have your resume, LinkedIn, and GitHub are lined up, how do you search for a job? We will go over the various pathways you can take to find a job, research the roles and get your foot in the door. You will learn to use all the tools you have aced through the program to get you closer to the dream job.

April 2015

Acing the Interview

TBD

The interview might be the most nerve-racking part of the job search process. Whether your interview is via phone or in person, we will help you rock it! You will learn about the several stages of the interview process and how to ace the first round, technical interview as well as the final round. We will cover everything from preparing for the interview, dressing for success, asking the right questions, followup and feedback for mock interviews will help you walk in confidently into the interview.

May 2015

How to Work a Job Fair

TBD

Job fairs are a great resource to sample several companies at once while also practicing your informational interview skills and networking skills. Come learn how to make the most out of a job fair and use it to either jump start your job search or complement the leads you are already pursuing.

Negotiating a Salary

TBD

You may have a job offer at hand or are working towards one. How do you walk out knowing you have secured the ideal offer and are being valued right. We will help you research the right salary, compensation and other benefits to be able to negotiate the best possible package for yourself.

June 2015

Graduation!

Friday, June 12