IT Job Hunters Meeting Notes

In attendance:

March 14th: Beth Kieler, Jennilee Benda, Chuck Uzoaru

March 21st: Beth Kieler, Jennilee Benda, Yusheng Hou,

Meeting Topics:

March 14th: Finding tech interview questions and learning how to answer them. There is a discussion here (https://www.meetup.com/CU-Coffeeshop-Coders/messages/boards/thread/50675160), but looking for questions for your specific area of tech is important.

March 21st: Resume keywords: it's important to make sure that your resume has specific keywords to get past the automatic screeners and to get the attention of the people doing the hiring! These are the types of things we discussed (taken from the brainstorming on the whiteboard).

> 1) Grab from the job description.
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> 2) Personal keywords: experienced, trained (as in you were trained in something), achieved, managed, improved (as in improved a process), expert, specialist, mentor, trainer, enthusiast, collaborated, citizen (for jobs that say must be US citizen), foreign language, public speaking, self-starter, "hit the ground running" (best if it was in the job description, or use in cover letter)
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> 3) IT words: open source, technical architect, solutions analyst, any of your technical skills, technical support, troubleshooting,
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> 4) Watch for places where nouns would be more appropriate than verbs, such as managed versus manager.
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> 5) No pronouns, such as "I"

There is a discussion on the meetup website where you can post questions or get more information if other post to it here: https://www.meetup.com/CU-Coffeeshop-Coders/messages/boards/thread/50692760

Other things of note:

Next Week we are going to be at the Champaign Public Library in the Robeson Pavilion Room C. The topic is going to be resume building/different types of layouts for resumes. If you have any questions, please leave a comment on the meetup page (https://www.meetup.com/CU-Coffeeshop-Coders/events/238232945/)