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BUILDING YOUR NETWORK AS A NEWBIE IN THE TECH COMMUNITY

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PERSONAL BRANDING

"PERSONAL BRANDING IS THE ART OF CONSISTENTLY PRESENTING, ONLINE AND OFFLINE, THE ESSENCE OF HOW YOU STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD." –PAUL IRISH (ENGINEER AT GOOGLE)
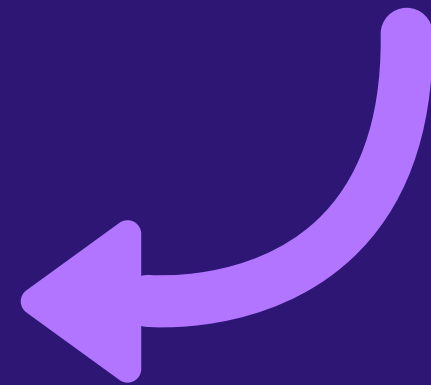
SETTING UP YOUR SYSTEMS

SUN SYSTEMS

S - Skill Acquisition

U - Updates

N - Networking

BLOGGING

This is a no-brainer as creating content as a developer puts you in the spot. When you constantly put out helpful content It'll help grow your personal brand.

JOIN A COMMUNITY

Communities by far help you go along way with networking. By attending tech event, you tend to expand your network and meet people who are eager to help you grow.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Being active on social media should never be underestimated. You get access to mentors and also learn from experts

Tips to Take Charge and Improve Your Network

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Building personal project that can solve a specific problem can also help you grow your career.
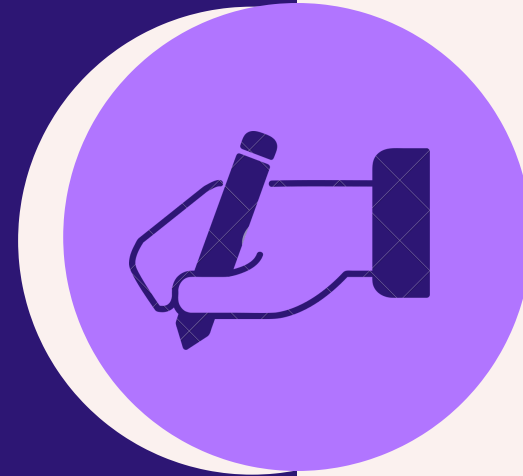
OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Look out for projects you love using and see what you can contribute. Nothing is too small just make that contribution.
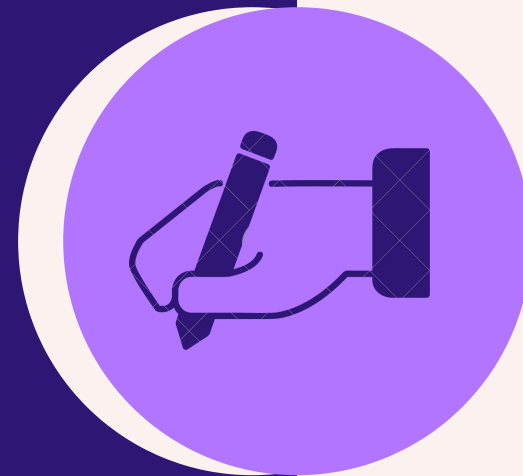
PARTICIPATE IN TECH EVENTS

Be a core part of a community by volunteering to help out, speaking or even organizing tech events
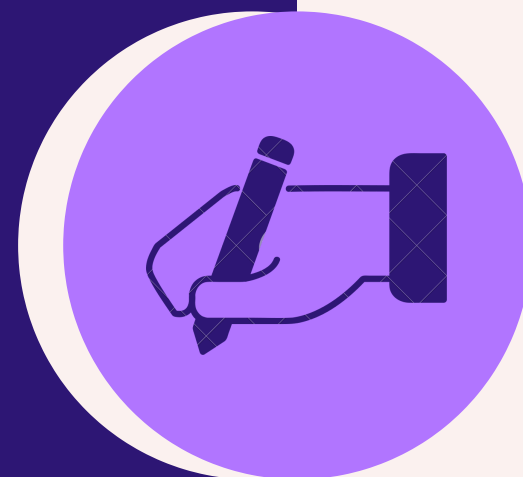
BLOGGING

START WRITING ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES AND LEARNING

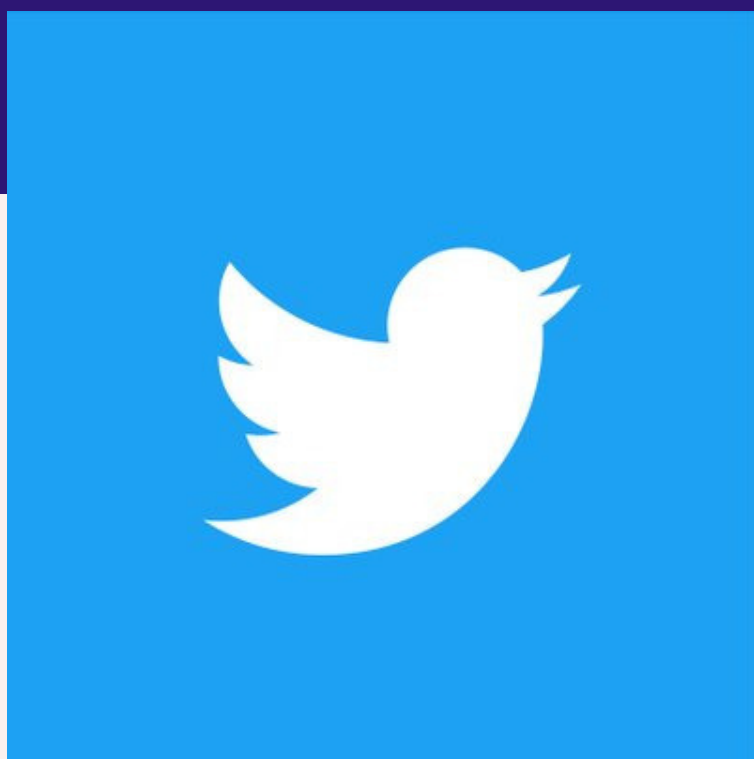Medium.com

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Your Personal Blog

JOIN A COMMUNITY

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FB Dev Circles

GDG

Dev Center

Social Media

TWITTER

INSTAGRAM

FACEBOOK

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Building your own side projects and creating personal projects can go a long way in helping you build your network. Always Create!

OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

Open source contributions can help you win. As you contribute you are building your reputation and you become well known as an awesome developer that loves solving problems.

Paticipate in Tech Events

Volunteering at tech events is also a good way of being involved because you get to work closely with people already established and you get to make and gain new friends.

BENEFITS OF NETWORKING

INCASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW

ACCESS TO
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

RAISING YOUR
PROFILE

BUILD LASTING
RELATIONSHIPS

MEET
PROSPECTIVE
MENTORS

ACCESS TO
LATEST
RESOURCES

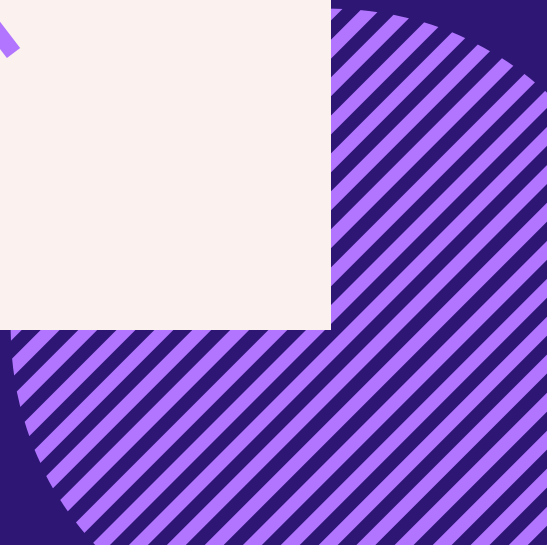# Free Resources For Students

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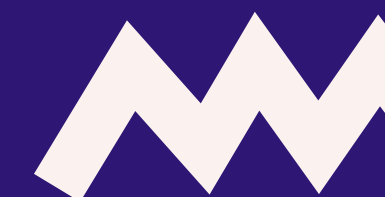TOOLS

AZURE
EDUCATION
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STUDENTS

"Your Network is Your Net Worth."

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THANK YOU!

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