Systers

It’s important to know that you are not alone. Systers is a community for all women involved in the technical aspects of computing. Systers is the world’s largest online community of women technologists with over 4,500 members from more than 45 countries. Women can get support, advice and mentoring on technical issues and workplace challenges and issues. Women discover you’re their own voice and help other women in computing as well.

Systers serves women technologists by providing them a private space to seek advice from their peers, and discuss the challenges they share as women technologists. Many Systers members credit the list for helping them make good career decisions, and steering them through difficult professional situations.

Systers is curated by the current Systers-keeper, Rose Robinson.

Systers Meetup

Systers Meetups are organized by members of Systers, an Anita Borg Institute Community. Systers provide opportunities for you to meet other women technologists, gain new insights, and grow your network.

Our meetups helps women in technology gain support from and access to women working in a wide range of computing fields (security, web, health, mobile, ERP, open source and more), information about computing scholarships, job opportunities and learn about Systers’ participation in open source and other events like Google.

Big Thanks!

…for organizing a Systers Meetup!

Thanks for taking the lead in organizing a Systers meetup in your community. To help simplify the process, this toolkit includes information on how to setup and run your meetup.
Why meetup?

With a rapidly growing global virtual community, having a local face-to-face meetup gives Systers to

- Connect with local Systers
- Inspire women and girls from the community
- Guide Systers and local women in computing in navigating through challenges at school, at work and sometimes at home.

Facilitating a Systers Meetup

A facilitator of a Systers meetup must be a Syster. Your membership will be validated by our Systers’ Keeper. We encourage many facilitators as opposed to one facilitator for various meetups throughout the year. This is part of our Systers engagement and giving other Systers in the local community to lead. To help facilitate a meetup, you need to determine the meetup type and venue (documents on wiki page).

Date

Always find the best day and time for your community. Below are suggested days that usually works best for certain meetup types.

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays are good for more direct Meetups like presentations and panels
- Thursdays and Fridays are great for social gatherings like the Meet and Greet
- Saturdays and Sundays are perfect for longer, event-based Meetups (workshops or code-a-thons)

Note: If you decide to hold your meetup in a bar/lounge, Meetup.com collaborates with thousands of area businesses where they would give you discounted drinks in exchange for promoting them on social media or online rating applications.

Evaluation

After a meetup, send your attendees a survey on how things went. You may have to adjust the space, meetup type, it’s always good to know.

Survey >> https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/uNBfzU

We envision a future where the people who imagine and build technology mirror the people and societies they build it for.