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The definition of a discourse community is a group of people that have goals or purposes and the use of communication to achieve these goals. Many people are known to numerous discourse communities, some are most often known based on their personalities. An example of a discourse community is a major in college. I am part of numerous discourse communities but a major one is Computer System Information Technologies (CST). Various colleges teach the computer science (CS) major, and some even go into CST. With myself being in a CST major I made many friends who are more in depth in the field than I am. They had taught me a lot of skills that I benefit from in my class and future classes. I had never thought CST could have considered a discourse community but after looking over the six characteristics, I have identified a community I belong in.

Following on CST major being a discourse community, I had interviewed a few people but only two people had stood out. I had realized that they both had opposite opinions but they had a common idea of what CST can help a person do in the real life job. One person I had interviewed was my friend Tim, who is also in the CST major. There are six personalities to determine a discourse community. 1. What is the common goal, 2. Methods of communication with members, 3. Participatory communication methods, 4.a genre of the group , 5. A lexis and 6. What is the knowledge needed before joining this discourse community? Some questions I had asked Tim was; what made you wanna go into CST? He had responded “I enjoyed working

with computers since I was a kid.” This was a very understandable answer. Many students could have still be learning about computers while others have been practicing on their codes or working on their hardware. I realized if you don’t find interest in computers; CST will not be for you. Many struggle and not realize that if you aren't dedicated it will be a couple of tough courses. When you are part of a CST community, you realize the joy you get when someone is really passionate about what they are trying to complete.

When acknowledging that I had made some friends within the field and kept learning the basics of the field, it had enlightened me that this was what I wanted a career in. I wanted to make something of myself. Hearing stories about how people in CST can develop apps and create programs to benefit others and make a living made me become interested to pursue the ‘dream’ of becoming a software developer. Now being in the CST field can get overwhelming however, joining the CST field isn’t. I have been coding for a couple years and been surrounded by people who had majored in CST or CS. When you first join, you may not understand the terminology but it won’t hurt if you ask the other person to be more specific. CST is based off of a lot of intense programming languages. You could know the basics or you can be new as a flower. No one judges really in the field. I had interviewed a few people but only two people had stood out. I had realized that they both had opposite opinions but they had a common idea of what CST can help a person do in the real life job.

Another question I had asked Tim, how do you think the members of the CST communicate? His response, “They communicate in regular english however have their specific terms if they are talking about something specific.”(Tim). I totally agree with his answer, because we are normal people who have other interests but when we all come together we are

talking about different things in many different fields. We could be talking about software development; which can mean different programming languages, how they wanna go about the program. Or someone can talk about hardware and how to identify parts of a computer.

Communication in this field is kinda all over the place, if you need to find out something specific then you would find a specific person to ask. As we take courses in college we develop the basic knowledge of the fundamentals of each field. You have I.T, networking, cybersecurity and many more. The community communication continues to evolve and develop more easier terms.

I had asked my friend Karen; who is not in the CST field, What might you think of the CST major students? Her response was “ I find that CST majors students are more hands on workers. They enjoy being on the computer, working on computers, etc.”(Karen). I do agree with this because as you witness more students who realize how much they use their hands. We are either typing or putting something together because we took it apart. CST major students often get well paid jobs in the future too. Having that problem-solving skill and hands-on skill, many companies look forward to hiring someone they need in that field. Also going into detail the major it-self , CST can vary within the field you might wanna get specific in. Some may go into I.T, networking and security and database. Choosing a specific field will help realize the friends you might get and the type of knowledge you might gain. When finishing CST you can earn a job and be happy with what you wanna do.

In conclusion, CST major students are very well populated in colleges. If not CST, you got computer science. It's quite an adventure with us because if something happens to your computer we are the one to help you guys out. A takeaway of this from researching this was, not

everyone may view CST or CS as a cool major; we are viewed geeky or nerdy, but everyone has their own passion and as a community we continue to evolve and learn more.

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