

As you complete the Career Preparation Modules and related readings, activities and assignments you have created a Job Search Strategy that is unique to you. Use the following template to document your job search plan at this point in time. As you begin to implement your plan your goals, motivations, job interests, etc. may change. Therefore continue to use this template as way to keep yourself accountable and focused to find a job, employer and career that best fits your needs and is unique to you.

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List your career goals. - Module 2 - Using the SMART goal method develop your list of 3-4 Career goals.

Insert your 3-4 SMART career goals here.

1. S: I want to work at a small tech company in Seattle/Bellevue. M: I want to go on at least 3 interviews in the next month. A: I want to land a job 2-3 months from now. R: Within one year approaching to my graduation, I want to have great experience and confidence as a professional software engineer. T: I will be hired by small tech company in Seattle/Bellevue within 2-3 months by applying 5+ jobs a week.

2. S: I want to work at a large tech company like Amazon in Seattle/Bellevue. M: I want to go on at least 2 interviews in the next month. A: I want to land an internship 2-3 months from now. R: I want to attend a major software engineer conference and learn more innovation and creative technology, which ultimately helped my software engineer career. T: I will be hired within 2-3 months by having 2 introduction calls a week.

3. S: I want to become a professional full stack software engineer. M: I want to pass the full stack coding interview. A: I want to take more data management courses and front end development classes. R: I'll land a job as a full stack software engineer and attend various conference to improve my skills and knowledge. T: Within a year or two, I need to have well understanding as a full stack engineer.

List your experience, skills and strengths. Reflect back on the readings and activities you completed in Module 4 – Build Your Brand. Create a list of your top 5 skills and your top 5 strengths. Include a brief example for at least 3 of your top skills, i.e., how you demonstrated the skill, and a brief example for at least 3 of your top 3 strengths, i.e., how you demonstrated the strength.

Insert your top 3 skills with your examples and your top 3 strengths with examples here.

Skills: Active listener: always respect others and listen to others opinions. Brainstorming, Idea Exchange: willing to share personal thoughts and collaborate with others even on different teams, Time and Project Management: carefully conduct the amount of time spend on each project and well-organized time schedule. Team-player.

Strength: Full-stack engineer knowledge: self-learned front-end development, and taking courses for back-end management. Cryptocurrency experience: intern for crypto company for a year, has experience with implementing crypto. Quality assurance experience: intern for crypto company for a year, analyze the bugs of the app. Motivation: always willing to learn new knowledge and accept anything I'm lacking off. Self-awareness.

Create your list of companies you'd like to work for from the list you created in Module 3 – Researching the Job Market. Modify the list to include 6-8 companies that interest you the most. This is an opportunity to not only list the companies but also include comments why you would like to work there.

Insert your list of the top 6-8 companies and why you would like to work for them here

Amazon: one of the biggest software engineer company.

Microsoft: not strictly software engineer company, but still have some personal interests with it.

Epic: self-learned video game development before, interested in how big gaming company work on their projects.

Tiktok: most well-known entertainment company, willing to try ios development

Coinbase: crypto company, based on my experience, I'm interested in learning more stuff about crypto.

Nintendo: another video game company

Create a "to-do" list prior to starting your job search. An effective "to do" list is not just a list of things that you plan to do. Instead it is a list of things you plan to do that includes prioritization and due dates.

Some examples of action items include: researching your top 5 companies of interest to learn more about what they do and their company culture. Or a list of the top 5 job descriptions you plan to research. Or creating a list of your professional references and contacting these references to request permission to use their name and contact information should an employer request your list.

Create a “to do” list of the top 5 items that you plan to accomplish as you start your job search. Set realistic deadlines when each item should be finished so that you are accountable and more likely to complete all tasks. After writing down your “to-do list” items, add the items into a calendar or schedule.

Insert your “to-do” list below. Include realistic dates when you plan to complete each task. Note that this is your “to-do” list at this point in time. As you complete the tasks you will continue to add more to your list.

1. Research on if these companies offer internship position for summer 2024 by the end of this week.
2. Research the basic qualification required by these companies and determined if I’m qualify.
3. Determined which position I’m interested in the most, front-end, back-end, or full-stack?
4. Meet up with advisor to update resume by the end of this week.
5. Prepare interview, schedule a mock interview next week.
6. Practice Leetcode, prepare for coding interview.

What is your professional brand? Refer to Module 4 – Build Your Brand – the module in which you created your Professional Introduction (Elevator Pitch).

Include your written Professional Introduction (Elevator Pitch) here.

Hi, I'm Steve. I'm a full stack software engineer with a bachelor's degree in applied computing, and I'm now pursuing a master's degree of computer science. I started off my academic career simply with my interests in video game development. But what truly amazed me along the way was the complexity and the creativity of some of the revolutionary technologies such as augmented reality, virtual reality, and cryptocurrency. I was eager to be part of the development community. So, during my academic journey. I worked in a cryptocurrency company as an intern for a year. My responsibilities include to support the company's implementation of new cryptocurrency and their integration of software development kit. With me now pursuing a master’s degree in computer science. I’m actively looking for an internship to gain more experience and the opportunities to adapt my technical skills. I am also confidence to bring my experience and knowledge in a new environment and looking forward for hear more feedback from you. Thank you.

Participate in networking opportunities - Module 5 – Building Your Network. Review the sites for On campus and Off campus Networking events. (Websites included in the module) Check out different Networking events and identify the ones you are interested to attend. Register for the event! Insert a list of 3-4 Networking events you plan to attend here

1. Online Software Engineering Intro Day 2/10/24
2. GeekWire Events
3. Here Seattle
4. Beers with Engineers