

# WKEXP 904 Work Term Report

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# **1 Introduction**

The purpose of this document is to serve as an exercise in creating a career plan, and setting some goals. As a part of this exercise, an initial career plan was created. Then, three graduate engineers at varying stages in their careers were interviewed. Finally, some similarities and differences in the interviewees's experiences were discussed, as well as some points raised which were unexpected or surprising. These points were considered, and the career plan was modified to mitigate any potential concerns which were raised after the interviews.

## **2 (Initial) Career Plan**

### **2.1 Industry**

In the wkexp902 report, I expressed interest in the Artificial Intelligence, or AI industry, and at the time of writing this report, it remains an area of interest for me.

### **2.2 Ultimate goal and how to get there**

The ultimate career goal is obviously to get to a financially stable state, living comfortable, and being able to afford luxuries. There are many ways to get there, and several books claiming to share some 'secret', however, the general trend is that these books tend to help the authors out with their goals instead of the reader. A more pragmatic approach should be taken

2.3 Roles to undertake

2.4 Training

2.5 Timelines

2.6 Interests, strengths, weaknesses

2.7 Potential setbacks

## 3 Job Search Plan

3.1 Preparation

3.2 Research and Networking

3.3 Tools and Resources

3.4 Potential Obstacles

## 4 Interviewing Graduates

4.1 Similarities

4.2 Differences

4.3 Surprises and Points I Have Not Considered Yet

4.4 Unexpected Issues In Career Development Discovered

4.5 Changes to my career plans