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Career Action Plan

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1. **Career Goals:**
   * Short-Term Goal: Continue to work on IT / IS projects at American Chemet Corporation.
   * Long-Term Goal: Secure a software development position using my skills in any of the following: .NET Framework, Java, C#, Python, Vue, Spring MVC, and others. Pursue mobile app development.
2. **Targeted Job Search:**
   * Identify companies or industries that align with my career interests and values.
   * Use professional networking platforms like LinkedIn and the State of Montana Careers website.
   * Tailor my resume and cover letter for each application to highlight relevant skills and experiences.
3. **Networking:**
   * Connect with professionals in the software development industry through LinkedIn and other professional platforms.
   * Attend industry events and engage in online forums to expand my network and learn about new opportunities.
4. **Skill Enhancement:**
   * Stay update-to-date with the latest technologies and advancements in software development through online courses and learning platforms.
   * Consider obtaining certifications in relevant areas such as AWS to enhance my credentials.
   * Work on personal projects and/or contribute to open-source projects on platforms like GitHub to showcase my skills to potential employers.
5. **Professional Development:**
   * Get feedback from mentors (Bryon and Bill), peers, and industry professionals to help guide my career.
   * Consider joining professional organizations or associations related to software development to access resources and networking opportunities.
6. **Job Application Strategy:**
   * Continuously seek jobs of interest and submit job applications regularly.
   * Customize my resume and cover letter for each application to showcase relevant experiences and skills.
7. **Interview Preparation:**
   * Research common interview questions for software developer positions and practice my responses.
   * Prepare examples from my past experiences to demonstrate my problem-solving abilities and technical expertise.
   * Familiarize myself with the company's products, services, and culture.