

# Thinkful: Career planning document

This document will collect and organize your work in the career planning lesson of the prep course. Complete each section after reviewing the relevant assignment in the course material.

## Section 1: Explore the landscape

*Understanding the landscape of what is out there and the perception that lies therein is crucial in finding employment in your desired field. When Harlan spoke and gave the example of someone wasting time, effort, and money for an interview where the employer had a different expectation of the potential employee really resonated with me. It gave me pause to reflect on what to research for and how to look appropriately for employment.*

*Having knowledge of the landscape of the Data Science profession and what employers are looking for will be beneficial when securing employment. You must know your audience, so to speak. You have to line yourself up with your skills and knowledge to the proper employment opportunity and doing so requires research of the landscape. Knowledge is power and will only benefit you when securing employment opportunities.*

## Section 2: Job postings

*Find five job postings you're very interested in and post them here. Focus on one city. Don't just post the links; job postings have a way of disappearing after a while.*

### Job 1

- Company name: Silicon Valley Bank
- Title: Data Scientist, Internal Analytics
- Why did you choose this job? I chose this job because of the combination of my MBA and Data Scientist qualifications, I feel that I could be high successful in this position.
- Link: <https://svbank.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobdetail.ftl?job=1157&tz=GMT-05:00>

### Job 2

- Company name: IBM
- Title: Entry-Level Data Scientist
- Why did you choose this job? It is an Entry level Data Science position in a tech field where I feel I can learn and grow in my new professions
- Link: [https://krb-sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=26059&siteid=5016&AReq=178769BR&codes=JB\\_GlassdoorSponsored](https://krb-sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?PageType=JobDetails&partnerid=26059&siteid=5016&AReq=178769BR&codes=JB_GlassdoorSponsored)

### Job 3

- Company name: USAA
- Title: Data Scientist I
- Why did you choose this job? I have been a customer of USAA for several years, they are Military affiliated (as am I), and the ability to work with a team in this field would be great.
- Link: <https://usaajobs.com/search/jobdetails/data-scientist-i/965adae7-935d-4d3c-a09d-75cf5814318f>

### Job 4

- Company name: Intel
- Title: Data Scientist
- Why did you choose this job? Working at Intel would be a dream. Working in the tech field with a tech background would be my number one choice.
- Link: [https://intel6.wd2.myworkdayjobs-impl.com/External/job/US-Arizona-Phoenix/Data-Scientist\\_JR0079149?utm\\_campaign=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_source=google\\_jobs\\_apply&utm\\_medium=organic](https://intel6.wd2.myworkdayjobs-impl.com/External/job/US-Arizona-Phoenix/Data-Scientist_JR0079149?utm_campaign=google_jobs_apply&utm_source=google_jobs_apply&utm_medium=organic)

### Job 5

- Company name: Pearson
- Title: Data Science Product Manager
- Why did you choose this job? I have worked for Pearson in the past and they are a good company. Working with them in the education field could be a great opportunity.
- Link: [https://www.google.com/search?q=data+science+positions+in+chandler,+az&oq=data+science+positions+in+chandler,+az&aqs=chrome..69i57j0l3698j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&ibp=htl;jobs#fpstate=tldetail&htichips=job\\_family\\_1:data%20science&htidocid=QfPI6ZncoG\\_\\_GDSnAAAAAA%3D%3D&htichips=job\\_family\\_1;data%20science&htivrt=jobs](https://www.google.com/search?q=data+science+positions+in+chandler,+az&oq=data+science+positions+in+chandler,+az&aqs=chrome..69i57j0l3698j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&ibp=htl;jobs#fpstate=tldetail&htichips=job_family_1:data%20science&htidocid=QfPI6ZncoG__GDSnAAAAAA%3D%3D&htichips=job_family_1;data%20science&htivrt=jobs)

## Section 3: Your company hitlist

*Find five dream companies (whether or not they're hiring data scientists right now) and add them to this hit list. Focus on the same city you did for job postings. Include a sentence about why you added each company.*

#### Company 1

- Company name: Intel
- Why did you choose this company? Working at Intel would be a dream. Working in the tech field with a tech background would be my number one choice.

#### Company 2

- Company name: General Motors
- Why did you choose this company? I am a huge fan of General Motors and my step family has worked for them for years. They are building a new location out close by my home, so it's a win/win.

#### Company 3

- Company name: Pearson
- Why did you choose this company? I have worked for this company in the past and they treat their employees well. On top of that, they are close to my home and I think as a first company to work for when I get finish, would be a great opportunity.

#### Company 4

- Company name: IBM
- Why did you choose this company? They are specifically looking for an Entry-Level Data Scientist. It is also in the tech field. Both of those criteria make for a very appealing employment opportunity.

#### Company 5

- Company name: Honeywell
- Why did you choose this company? I think working for an Aerospace organization could be awesome and a great educational opportunity.

## Section 4: Find your people

*Add the data science related events in your area and find LinkedIn profiles for local data scientists working at the kind of job you want.*

#### Local data science events:

- Free Frontend Crash Course: Javascript Fundamentals
- HackerNest Phoenix October Tech Social
- Web Development vs Data Science

#### Local data scientist from a company on your hit list:

- Shamin S, Director Data Science at Intel Corporation

First or second degree connection in the industry:

- Jenna Deweese, People Analytics / Data Science Solutions at Intel Corporation
- Bill Hammond, Data Scientist

## Section 5: Write your own story

*Make the work you've done so far concrete.*

My ideal job is one where I can use my toolset and knowledge gained from my program to further my career in the field of Data Science. I'd love to work for an organization where I can further my expertise under the tutelage of someone who has been in the industry for a while, this way I can gain a better proficiency of Data Science.

After 2-3 years, I would love to progress further within the organization into more of a leadership role utilizing both Data Science skillsets and my M.B.A. to further my career goals in this field.

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Essentially, I want to work for an organization where I can learn from someone who has been in the field for a while. This could be in a tech firm or with someone who has knowledge of the Data Science field.

If I am able, I would love to move up within the same organization or if need be, move on to greener pastures to continue gaining knowledge in this field.

Eventually, I would love to obtain some sort of leadership role after a few years of my proficiency leading to some sort of Mastery, if there is such a thing.

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Ultimately, I would like to combine what I have learned through my military experience and educational background to push into the Data Science field. I have taken time and effort to better educate myself in this field and I feel that I am ready to take the next step and become a Data Scientist. I whole heartedly feel that I am more than capable of grasping a foothold into this field and garnering a level of success I have yet to see.