**CARRER GOALS REFLECTION**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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* Current Role/Position: Student
* Field of interest: Software/web developer

**Part 1: Self-Assessment Reflection**

1. SKILLS ANALYSIS

1.. **Skills and areas of expertise.**

* Great problem-solving skills.
* Great communication.
* Working as part of a team, cooperation.
* Listening to understand

2. **Skills to improve**

* **Time management**
* **Task organization**

**Part 2: Career Exploration Insight**

**1.1 Industries and Roles Explored:**

* Software Development
* Web Development
* Data Science
* Game Development

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* Interest in building and improving software applications.
* Fascination with data-driven decision-making.
* Fascinated by games and gaming in general.

**2. Alignment with Personal Profile:**

* JavaScript
* Experience with version control systems like Git

**Part 3: SMART Career Goals**

**Short-term Goals (Next 1-2 years):**

* **Goal**: Complete the course in a software development
* **Specific**: Secure an internship/job in a relevant field.
* **Measurable:** To become permanent in the internship/job.
* **Relevant**: Gain hands-on experience and industry exposure.
* **Time-bound**: Secure an internship by the end of the current academic year.

**Long-term Goals (3-5 years and beyond):**

* **Goal**: Become a software engineer or data scientist at a leading technology company.
* **Specific**: Obtain a position in a prominent company.
* **Measurable**: Achieve a job offer and secure a role.
* **Achievable**: Build a strong portfolio, network with industry professionals, and apply for positions.
* **Relevant**: Aligns with career aspirations and skillset.
* **Time-bound**: Attain this role within 5 years.

**Part 4: Action Plan**

**1. Steps to Achieve Short-term Goals:**

1. **Internship:**

* **Actions**: Research and apply to relevant internship programs.
* **Resources**: Career services, online job boards, LinkedIn.
* **Support**: Seek guidance from mentors or career advisors.

**Part 5: Reflection on Challenges and Opportunities**

**Anticipated Challenges:**

* **Challenge**: Competition for internship and job positions.
* **Strategy**: Build a strong resume, gain relevant experience, and network extensively.

**Challenge**: Keeping up with rapidly evolving technologies.

* **Strategy**: Continuously engage in learning and professional development.

**Opportunities for Growth:**

* **Networking**: Leverage professional networks, attend industry conferences, and join relevant tech communities.
* **Mentorship**: Seek mentors in your field of interest for guidance and career advice.
* **Educational Opportunities**: Pursue advanced certifications or degrees if required for career progression.