

# CGS 392: Career Essentials

## Module 3: Creative Problem Solving

### Homework for Week 12

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From **Module 1: Interviewing**, you have a specific position (job) at a specific company (that you interviewed for).

During **Module 2: Success @ Work** you investigated how you can apply the principles of *Taking Initiative* and *Adding Value* to your job in that company.

Now, in **Module 3: Creative Problem Solving**, you are going to think of problems you might encounter in your job, or at least problems that your company might face. Then you are going to apply a creative problem solving process and generate solutions to those problems.

### Homework (due at midnight before your class in week 12)

- I. Think of two problems that someone with your job responsibilities at your company might encounter. You can base these problems on the knowledge you have of your company. You can also use your imagination to come up with possible problems, OR feel free to use Google to find typical problems associated with your job.
  - a. Problem 1: unclear requirement due to lack of communication while gathering requirements
  - b. Problem 2: compatibility issue caused by swift integration
- II. Think of one problem that your company might face in the coming years.
  - a. Problem 1: competition from emerging markets
- III. Think of one problem that the industry your company is in might face in the coming years.
  - a. Problem 1: over reliance on AI tools

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** **YOU** are going to find solutions to these problems. So, this is **your** opportunity to think of (or choose) problems that you are actually INTERESTED IN SOLVING. The benefit you will get out of Module 3 is ENTIRELY dependent on you.