

## **SECTION A: Career Reflections**

### **Step 1: Tech Track Interest**

This week you have had a taste of the 5 tech specializations you can potentially pursue in your future as a career. In the space below, please share your personal ranking of them (1 being the most appealing, 5 being the least appealing).

For your #1 and #2, state WHY you find these 2 the most appealing. (This does not commit you to anything, you are just stating what you currently feel most drawn to.)

## As a reminder, they are:

- Cloud Computing (AWS)
- Customer Relation Management (Salesforce)
- Software Engineering
- Data Analytics
- Data Sciences

# <u>Tech Areas Ranking</u>

1. Software Engineering. Software Engineering appeals to me because I enjoy

building things from the ground up. I like the logic and structure involved in writing code, and I'm fascinated by how software solutions can solve real-world problems. It's also a field that offers endless learning opportunities and innovation.

#### 2. Data Analytics

I find Data Analytics most appealing because I enjoy working with data to uncover patterns, solve problems, and support decision-making. The ability to turn raw data into actionable insights really excites me. I also appreciate how versatile data analytics is across different industries like healthcare, business, and education.

- 3. Cloud Computing (AWS)
- 4. Data Science
- 5. Customer Relationship Management (Salesforce)

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# **Step 2: Strengths**

List your **personal strengths.** List **at least 15 total**, and be sure to include at least 2 from each of the 3 categories: Talents/Skills, Knowledge, and Professional Qualities.

(You have already done a version of this in Week 5. You are encouraged to approach it fresh and not refer back to what you have done before. It'll help you redefine how much you've grown since that time.)

Here are some examples of strengths from each of the 3 categories. Examples of Talents & Skills:

- Strong self-discipline and grit
- Good listener

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- Good friend
- Analytical mind
- Intuitive Gardener
- Quick to learn new dance steps

#### **Examples of Knowledge:**

- Football statistics
- History of hip-hop
- Organic Chemistry
- Gardening techniques
- Intermediate-level Perl and C++ -

# **Examples of Professional Qualities:**

- Organized
- Reliable
- Good Listener
- Writing good Perl scripts

### **My Strengths**

# (Talents & Skills, Knowledge, & Professional Qualities)

- 1. Creative thinking; Able to generate new ideas and think outside the box.
- 2. Problem solving; Good at analyzing situations and finding effective solutions.
- 3. Organizational skills; Capable of keeping tasks, materials, and priorities well structured and on track.
- 4. Collaborations; Works well with others to achieve team goals and shared success .
- 5. Adaptability; Can adjust quickly to new challenges and changing

		environments.
	6.	Technology proficiency; confident in using a variety of digital tools and
		softwares.
	7.	Cultural awareness; Informed about and respectful towards diverse cultures
	8.	Leadership theory; Understands different leadership styles and their
		practical applications.
	9.	Learning strategies; Knowledgeable about effective techniques for studying,
		retaining, and applying new informations.
	10.	Critical thinking frameworks; Familiar with logical analysis and
		decision-making strategies.
	11.	Dependable; Reliable and consistent in meeting deadlines and expectations
	12.	Integrity; Guided by strong moral principles and honesty in all actions.
	13.	Team player; Priotizes collaboration, cooperation, and mutual support.
	14.	Initiative; Proactively takes on challenges and seeks for improvement
		without needing to be asked.
	15.	Resilience; Able to stay positive, focused, and persistent in the face of
		setbacks or stress.
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# **Step 3: Areas for Growth**

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Next, list your areas of growth. These are not simply areas of weakness. They should be specific Talents & Skills, Knowledge, & Professional Qualities that you actually <u>want</u> to improve upon. For each area of growth, Include a brief WHY behind selecting it. Why do you wish to improve on it?

Note that these do not have to be quantified (that is, they do not need to use a SMART goal format). Please list at least 6 areas for growth.

#### For example:

- Do more exercise so that I feel stronger and healthier in my body.
- Learn how to better communicate with people from other cultures so that I am more likely to be hired by an international company.
- Visit my mother more often because I care about her and want to make sure she's doing ok.

#### **My Areas for Growth**

- Improve public speaking skills. I want to become confident and clear when presenting my ideas to groups so that I can be more effective in leadership roles and professional settings.
- 2. Develop stronger time management habits; I often feel overwhelmed by deadlines and responsibilities. Improving this skill will help me to be more balanced and productive each day.
- 3. Grow my emotional intelligence; I want to better understand and respond to my own emotions and that of others, so I can build stronger relationships and handle conflict with empathy.
- 4. Enhance my writing skills; Whether for writing emails, reports, or

- projects, clear writing is essential. I want to communicate my thoughts more effectively and professionally.
- 5. Practice active listening more consistently; I've realised that truly listening without interrupting or rushing to respond, builds trust and improves collaboration, especially in team environments.
- 6. Build stronger networking skills; I want to become more comfortable initiating and maintaining professional relationships, as networking can open doors to new opportunities and collaborations.
- 7. Learn a new language; I believe that learning a new language will not only enhance my cognitive abilities, but also allow me to connect with a wider range of people and cultures, both personally and professionally.

#### Once you have completed this worksheet:

- 1. Export/convert to .pdf
- 2. Rename it per the instructions, and
- 3. Upload to Savanna as your Week 9 Milestone Submission.
- 4. Celebrate a job well done!