

Working Backwards

Age 30 – End Result

Lead a small team of a large software company with international clients.

Age 27 – Intermediate Result 4

Obtain a non-leadership role on a small team at said company. Perform well enough to merit promotion.

Age 25 – Intermediate Result 3

Move into a higher level programming position at the company.

Age 23 – Intermediate Result 2

Obtain an entry job at said company after graduation.

Age 22 – Intermediate Result 1

Obtain an internship at a software company with international clients. In today's world, there are many such companies.

Age 22 – Current

Final year of courses at Rose-Hulman.

Insights

Thinking about where I need to be puts a lot into perspective. On one hand, achieving this goal sounds easy. The steps are few and theoretically simple. This is not really true, however, as each step will require me to perform my job well and outshine my peers. It would be easy to sit around, performing my job every day, waiting for promotions. If I really want these promotions by age 30, I need to continually impress those above me and keep this document in line.