

3 jobs I want immediately after college:

indeed.com/cmp/Greenvelope.com/jobs/Full-Stack-Web-Developer-828c9aa839748eec
indeed.com/cmp/White-Oak-Technology-Group/jobs/Web-Developer-60d66c9c91465d01
indeed.com/viewjob?jk=678a2185e3b2978b

3 jobs I want 5-8 years after college:

domandtom.applytojob.com/apply/job_20160512211003_GMPUBBAMXNC54R2V
us-amazon.icims.com/jobs/412119/senior-software-development-engineer/job
pega.com/about/careers/professional-services/sr-user-experience-architect-0

For the entry-level jobs, I plan to get a lot of experience while I'm in college. A lot of the IT classes I'm taking will give me valuable skills in different areas important to the IT field, such as working effectively in teams, interacting with clients, planning and managing projects. Obviously, the classes here at ISU focus on the programming and technical skills necessary for the industry as well. I also have real-world hands-on experience from the job I work at right now, at a local web development company in Bloomington-Normal. Working there for the past three years has given me a lot of first-hand practice on what it's like to be a professional programmer. It has also allowed the other employees at the company to mentor me in a very practical way. The experience I've gained through working with clients; designing, developing, and maintaining projects; and seeing and participating in the different team processes that take place has given me invaluable experience that will hopefully be very appealing to future employers.

After college, I want to move up in the developer field. I'm a person who loves learning, so I want to take jobs that allow me to use the technical skills I already have while learning new ones as well. I would like to be proficient in a wide variety of programming languages and development environments.

I would like to eventually be in a senior programmer-type role, allowing me to still do what I enjoy most about computer science - programming - while letting me also exercise my passion

for leadership. In this position, the technical skills needed are not that different from other programmer positions, but a role like this demands strong communication, leadership and project management skills. I plan on honing those skills even before I graduate college in several ways. Some of the classes I'm taking will give me practical tips and processes in these areas. I also exercise leadership and communication through my current job, as well as in different student clubs that I'm involved in. I will also be looking for opportunities to help lead in different areas in my current and future jobs.