## S.M.A.R.T. Personal Goals

## **Undergraduate Competency One:**

- CRITICAL THIKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING
  - S.M.A.R.T. Goal One: by May 1<sup>st</sup>,2018 I will develop the skill to read the information about a situation and draw a conclusion on what is the cause for the problem by taking over more customer reported problems with our software at my job. I have already asked my supervisor to assign me more debugging and troubleshooting problems in order to know the software more and get comfortable with reading customers information.
  - S.M.A.R.T. Goal Two: by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 I will develop my skills to make better alternatives for the programs I am assigned to develop. I can achieve this goal by learning advanced data architecture and algorithms. I started this process by taking online courses and working closely with my supervisor in an optimization project in which he can teach me about faster alternatives to a software program.
  - O Why have you selected this competency?
    - As a Software Developer at my job, it is critical to read incoming information about a software issue, assess the situation and find exactly how this problem can be solved. Critical thinking is an essential for me to develop and improve every day to be able to communicate my ideas and also be able to understand others' send information to me.

## **Undergraduate Competency Two:**

- CURIOSITY AND IMAGINATION
  - S.M.A.R.T. Goal One: by Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 I want to improve my life style by going to outside my comfort zone and trying things that I have not done in life. I have not been as strong in art and creativity as in logic, and I believe new experiences in life will open my mind to see the world different and be able to design more creative pieces of art. I am planning to start this life changing process by planning camping trips, going to shooting range, and travelling as often as possible to see different cities.
  - S.M.A.R.T. Goal Two: by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 I will develop my skills in web development and application management in order to make small prototype of my ideas and test them. It is critical for my future to find which one of my ideas in mind for a business is better and rapid prototyping using web technologies is the best way, the only problem is that latest technology is growing fast and I need to learn new things as they get more popular in order to stay up to date with my knowledge.
  - O Why have you selected this competency?
    - As a university student, it is easy to get caught up in school work and repeat the same cycle of going to class, and studying. Last summer I was offered a different field of work which I didn't have any experienced in it

but using my technical skills it was easy to learn and improve. I started the job and realized learning new skills that I do not know and I am not comfortable with can sometimes bring the best opportunities in life. I learned online marketing and two months after I had three other clients asking me to do the same online marketing freelance work for them.

## **Undergraduate Competency Three:**

- INITIATIVE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
  - S.M.A.R.T. Goal One: by may 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 I want to develop a none reactive attitude and learn how to deal with disappointment. I have always seen myself as an entrepreneur and disappointment is the only path to success. Setbacks comes in every step of developing an idea but the most important point is to learn the lesson and work through them. I started this improvement by talking about my ideas one by one and getting feedback from people close to me as which one they want to have in the future. I have been disappointed to know some of the ideas will not work but it helped me to pick my first idea to start working on and develop.
  - S.M.A.R.T. Goal Two: by ay 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 I have to have one of the software ideas in my mind tested, working and in production. This is not possible unless I improve my mind on focusing for a longer period of time on my own work without getting distracted and also finishing every piece of development I start. I believe the software I want to created is a must have for everyone and by keeping this mind I will make sure to stay on track and finish my work. The only way I could start this improvement was to start developing. Thinking and researching was not going to make my mind stronger, but instead I started developing and making a schedule which helps me to see the future and follow my vision.
  - O Why have you selected this competency?
    - After working in a few jobs while enhancing my knowledge in university, I realized that I need to start my own business and develop something which can help many people and improve their life. After learning about different technical skills and technologies, my mind started thinking about different solutions to everyday problems I encountered in my life which motivated me to take action and plan my future to be an entrepreneur rather a simple Software Engineer.