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See your potential, Define your tomorrow

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Executive Summary

Navigating the vast and diverse landscape of S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) fields, especially technology, can be daunting for today's youth. The lack of clear pathways, available resources, and guidance often leaves them unsure of where to start or how to plan for their future careers. To bridge this crucial gap between school education and career aspirations, we present our innovative platform, designed to empower youth to define their own S.T.E.A.M journey.

Our website aims to provide a comprehensive and user-friendly solution, offering guidance on career aspirations and specific skills required to achieve their goals. We understand that each child's interests are unique, so our pathway builder system allows them to personalize their learning experience. Through this intuitive system, they can explore their passions, access learning resources, and gain a clear understanding of the steps needed to reach their desired career title or skill level.

By leveraging our platform, youth can define their own future and shape their learning journey with ease. We ensure that the process is manageable, navigable, and tailored to their interests, preventing overwhelm or confusion.

Our mission is to empower them to make informed decisions, stay motivated, and focus on acquiring the knowledge and skills that will lead them towards their desired end target.

By facilitating a seamless connection between their passions and relevant learning resources, we foster a generation of confident, informed, and successful individuals ready to make their mark in the dynamic world of S.T.E.A.M

Background

Many young individuals believe that pursuing a career in technology is too difficult, uninteresting, or financially out of reach, further contributing to a lack of enthusiasm. For those who show an interest, the overwhelming variety of paths available often adds stress and anxiety when deciding on a future career.

In response to these challenges, we have taken a proactive approach to promote S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) as a viable and exciting career option. Through community-focused career events, we have endeavoured to inspire and engage young minds by showcasing the endless opportunities in the world of S.T.E.A.M. Additionally, we have actively collaborated with schools, meeting with students to answer their questions, provide insights into S.T.E.A.M fields, and involve them in real-world scenario projects.

While these events serve as catalysts for sparking interest, there remains a critical need to assess their long-term impact and offer ongoing support to interested participants.

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Project Objectives

| Objective | Description | Measure of Success |
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| Develop an interactive learning platform | Create a hub of learning resources for S.T.E.A.M | User feedback Is positive that they gained enjoyment and clarity whilst using the site |
| Provide Mechanisms for bespoke pathways | Assisting with guidance on how to achieve their career goals with steps to take and curated learning resources to help them with their journey | Users are actively engaging with the pathway models |
| Provide premade pathways | Users can pick a pre-built pathway model for each career title | Users are actively engaging with the pathway models |
| Supply Context | Context on S.T.E.A.M and why it is important to learn and contribute | The context provided is clear, concise and easily understandable |
| Provide guidance | How to stay safe online and encourage mindfulness when consuming technology | The guides given are extensive, understandable |
| Deliver content that is accessible by all | Ensuring the website is accessible to all and caters to various learning styles | Feedback given by users with accessibility needs is positive |
| Outreach | Use the website at various events across New Zealand and in schools | Interactions lead to users on the site |
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Project Scope

Objectives and features in scope:

- Interactive pathway modelling
 - The users will be able to create their own pathway using drag and drop interactive elements from a curated list of possible steps / learning fundamentals to achieve their current goals in S.T.E.A.M with ability to download the pathways
 - Users can choose premade pathways for a variety of career titles
- Curated learning resources
 - Learning resources will be generated for the steps they have chosen for their pathway model with the ability to download this as a list
- Digital safety
 - The site will have a section dedicated to digital awareness, the power of social media's influence and the process that is triggered when you visit websites online
- Accessible content
 - All learning resources generated will have a few options on how to learn the same thing, text based, video based, interactive experiences, podcasts
 - The site will have accessibility options to customize font size, colour of the page, screen readers
- Context
 - The site will supply brief history snippets of how technology has evolved and influenced our societies and culture and how they can benefit from a career in S.T.E.A.M
- Community contributions
 - The site will hold events that are happening in New Zealand and Globally as well as supply support via various channels to reach out and get more guidance (github, slack, dedicated email)
- Research
 - Find the gaps in the educational system, research what teachers need and what the children see as barriers as well as general questions they have about the industry and how they can be involved in.
- Ensuring site is bi-cultural
 - Māori and European theme, language and user stories

Out of scope

- Will only focus on S.T.E.A.M careers
- Will not have user accounts
- Will not track users process of their learning journey
- Only focusing on New Zealand

Assumptions:

- There is a need for this resource
- Willing participation from experts in the field to provide guidance and feedback on content

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Constraints and potential problems:

- This project at this stage is timebound to 16 weeks
- There is no funding / budget for this project
- Constrained by my own knowledge and experience in the field

MOSCOW table

The table below clearly defines the features and the possibility of growth in the future to add more flexibility into the project and in hopes to make this project more S.M.A.R.T

The could and won't have sections are out of scope for this iteration of development but could be implemented in the next iteration of features

| Feature | Must Have | Should Have | Could Have | Won't Have |
|--|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Interactive Pathway Modelling | x | | | |
| Curated learning resources for Technology | x | | | |
| Curated learning resources for science | | x | | |
| Curated learning resources for Engineering | | x | | |
| Curated learning resource for Art | | x | | |
| Curated learning resource for Maths | | x | | |
| Digital safety awareness | x | | | |
| Accessibility controls | x | | | |
| Historical context | | x | | |
| Events | x | | | |
| Reach out support | | x | | |
| User Accounts | | | | x |
| Various types of learning resources | x | | | |
| Gamified learning | | | | x |
| Downloadable content | x | | | |
| Multi language support (Te-reo) | x | | | |

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| Webinars | | | | x |
| Where to next page | | | x | |

Problem Statement

Technology-related careers are not popular among the youth, ranking 45th in job aspirations due to perceptions of difficulty, boredom, and financial constraints, the path to success in this career is varied and often overwhelming to anyone trying to start their journey in this space.

Project Objectives and Relevance:

The project aims to address these issues by creating an interactive learning platform that engages and empowers youth with technology. By offering a user-designed pathway system with curated content, the project seeks to remove the stigma associated with S.T.E.A.M fields and encourage learners to explore and embrace technology. The platform's focus on providing productive technology skills equips the youth for future careers and opportunities whilst helping to guide them to the resources that will help them achieve it and to define their own career path.

The project's purpose is to bridge gaps in the current education system and inspire youth to pursue S.T.E.A.M fields with confidence and enthusiasm. It specifically aims to provide guidance in their career journey, allowing them to set their own goals and aspirations, as well as give them resources to achieve it.

Required Team Knowledge and Skills:

To successfully complete the project, the team needs extensive knowledge and expertise in various areas, including:

Web-Based Platform Development: The team must possess in-depth knowledge of web technologies and best practices to create a robust and user-friendly interactive learning platform.

User Experience (UX) Design and Branding: Expertise in UX design is essential to ensure the platform's fluidity and ease of use, while effective branding will create an engaging and appealing user interface.

Content Curation and Learning Resources: The team should have access to a wide range of high-quality learning resources catering to diverse learning styles, ensuring comprehensive coverage of S.T.E.A.M topics.

Industry Connections and Feedback: Knowledge of industry connections is crucial to obtain valuable feedback and insights during platform development, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness.

Target Audience Engagement: The team must have access to the target audience for user feedback and reviews throughout the development process, ensuring the platform meets their needs and preferences.

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Major Tasks and Milestones

| Task: Research and design | Start Date | End date | Milestone | Completed |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| User Research | 14 th August | 18 th August | User Stories | Done: 19 th August |
| | | | User Needs | Done: 19 th August |
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| Branding Document | 21 st August | 8 th September | Logo | Done |
| | | | Colour Scheme | Done: 19 th August |
| | | | Fonts | |
| | | | Philosophy | Done 25 th August |
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| UI / UX Design | 3 rd September | 17 th September | Create the Nav map | Done 25 th August |
| | | | Define the structure | Done |
| | | | Write the content | Done |
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| Curate the learning resources | 18 th August | 9 th September | Curate learning resources for each career / discipline | |
| | | | Categorize the resources into steps to be generated by the pathway model | Done |
| | | | All career titles have been listed | |
| | | | Create a model of criteria for how learning resources are decided | Done |

| Task: Development | Start Date | End Date | Milestone | Completed |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Plan the build | 11 th September | 14 th September | Language has been decided | Done 25 th August |

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| | | | Frameworks have been added to the project folder | Done 25 th August |
| | | | Development tools have been chosen | Done 25 th August |
| | | | Set up GitHub repo | Done |
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| Build the frame | 14 th September | 21 st September | The layout has been implemented in accordance with the Navmap and other design documents | Done |
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| Build the pathway system | 22 nd September | 9 th October | Elements for each discipline / step has been coded into a data structure | Done |
| | | | Drag and drop functionality works | Done 14 th September |
| | | | Algorithm for generating learning resources for bespoke pathways is implemented | Done |
| | | | User can download the pathway they have created | Done |
| | | | Relevant career titles are given after completion of the pathway model to give further direction | Done |
| | | | Premade pathways chosen via career titles are available and output useful learning resources | Done / not done |
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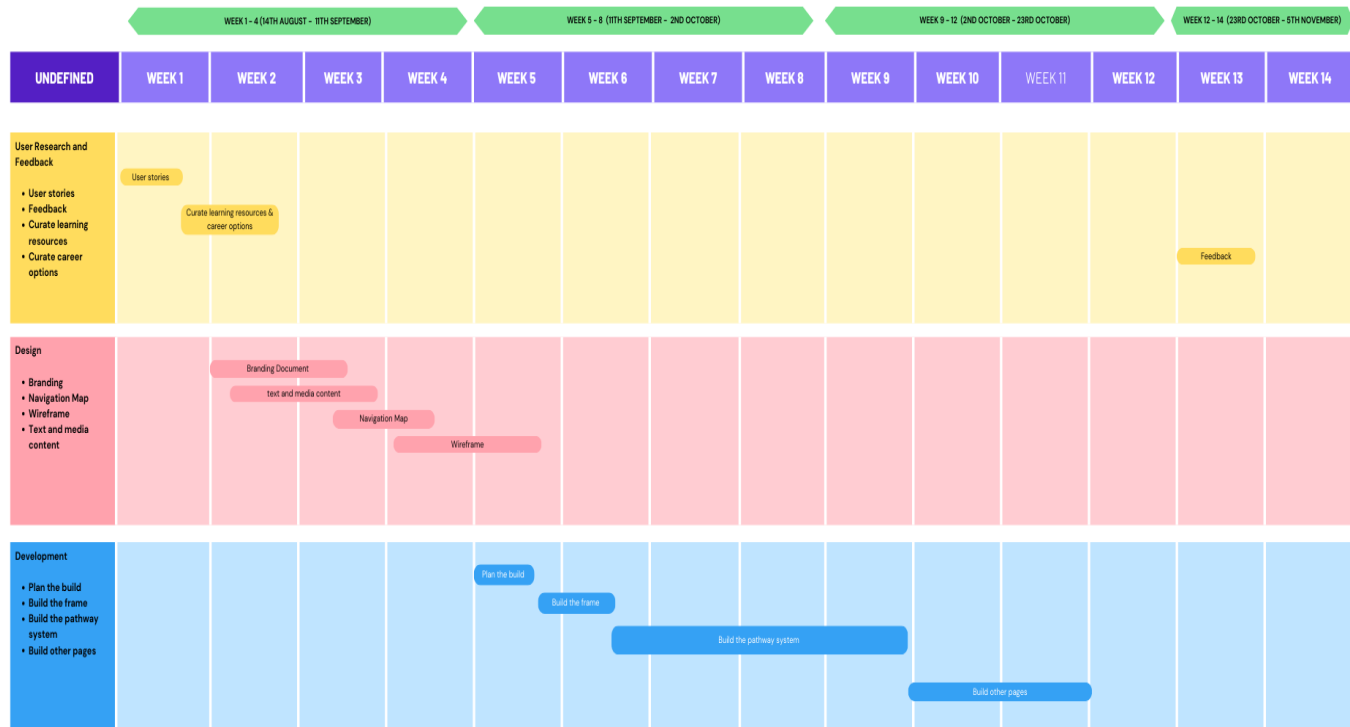
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| Build the rest of the pages | 9 th October | 23 rd October | Digital safety page is active on the site | |
| | | | About page is active on the site | Done |
| | | | Events page is active on the site | |

| Task: User feedback | Start Date | End Date | Milestone | Completed |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| Conduct feedback | 23 rd October | 5 th November | Target audience is given access to the site to provide verbal and written feedback as part of a test-driven development protocol | |

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Gantt Chart



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Project Risks

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| Issue | Probability | Impact | Schedule | Issue/Action |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| [Issue] | [Select: High, Medium, Low] | [Select: High, Medium, Low] | [Days, Weeks, Month, Terminal] | [What could happen and what risk management strategies will you use to manage, avoid or respond to it?] |
| Unclear goals and Objectives | Low | High | | Unclear goals and objectives can lead to wasting time working on tasks not detrimental to the success of the project and can lead to unclear operational methods. To allow this probability to stay low, this document will serve as a management plan for the goals and objectives, kept on track with grant charts and project management software like GitLab |
| Poorly defined project scope | Medium | High | | Can lead to the project scope constantly been updated and changed and failure to adhere to the deadline schedules which can cause the project to overextend in budget and time, to manage this I will ensure that the project scope has been clearly defined and scheduled before the building stage commences |
| Poor time management | Medium | High | | Due to the depth of this project, I will need to ensure that I manage my time effectively, as this is not the only project, I am working on I will need to ensure that time schedule is followed, and I prioritize according to deadlines |
| Bias in resources choice | High | High | | Been the sole developer and designer for this application it is important that the various learning styles are incorporated into the learning resources and that they meet the requirements set in the learning model |

Methodology

This project will adhere to an agile scrum methodology to allow for iterative changes due to the nature of involvement of user feedback from the target audience, the project is broken down into 4 sprints currently but will be broken down into sub sprints specifically for the development of the website.

I have chosen this methodology as it is quite a large project and the ability to manage small chunks at a time will be helpful in ensuring the minimal viable product is produced within the time frame.

Each stage will be given the appropriate amount of time to complete with the fluidity to back step through the stages.

Sprint 1: User research and planning

- 2 weeks has been allocated to this stage of the project

Sprint 2: Design

- 4 weeks has been allocated to this stage of the project

Sprint 3: Development

- 7 weeks has been allocated to this stage of the project

Sprint 4: User feedback

- 2 weeks has been allocated to this stage of the project

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Deliverables

| [Deliverable] | [Description of the deliverable...] | Achieved |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| User stories and needs | Well thought out and documented user stories to ensure the development of the project is useful to the target audience | Done |
| Branding | The site will need a logo, colour scheme and general theme running throughout, the theme will be depicted in the user stories, philosophy and the general colour scheme | Working on it |
| Navigation Map | A navigation map is needed to show the journey the user can take throughout the site and how the pages will connect to each other | Done |
| Define the wireframe | The wireframe will be used as a basis for design, how the content will be structured and how it will respond to various devices | Done |
| Curate the learning resources | The learning resources need to be categorized and sorted based on teaching style, topic and career | Working on it |
| Curate the career options | career opportunities to be displayed on completion of the pathway builder, this will be weighted by the specific steps the user has added to the bespoke path | Done and working on it |
| Create the text and media content | Decide on tone and wording of the site aswell as gather needed media. | Done |
| Plan the build | Language and framework need to be decided based on the needs of the site, GitHub repo needs to be created. | Done |
| Build the frame | Build the frame for navigation, content layout and needed pages | Done |
| Build the pathway system | The core component of the site, will need to programmatically output learning resources depending on the individual elements that have been added to the pathway, users can also choose pre-built pathways for specific career titles | Done |
| Build the history context page | This page will contain the history of technology and how it has evolved and how they can benefit from a career in S.T.E.A.M | Done |
| Build the about page | How to use the site | Done |
| Conduct user feedback | User feedback will be gathered when the build is complete, any feedback can be implemented as an iteration in the agile methodology | |
| Learning Model | A model to use as a checklist to ensure the learning resources match the needs of the users | Done |

Philosophy

"Kei Te Ao Whakamāramatanga: UNDEFINED" embodies a philosophy deeply rooted in breaking down barriers for the youth in S.T.E.A.M careers. Our purpose is to illuminate the transformative potential of upskilling in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M), all while fostering a diverse and inclusive online landscape that resonates with the richness of cultures in Aotearoa

At "Kei Te Ao Whakamāramatanga: UNDEFINED," we firmly believe in removing obstacles to empower young minds to pursue their S.T.E.A.M aspirations with confidence. Our mission extends beyond career prospects; it is about personal growth, development, and collaboration.

Our approach is guided by the understanding that S.T.E.A.M education has the power to catalyze holistic transformation. By providing accessible resources, interactive learning experiences, and personalized pathways, we enable learners to chart their course with clarity and purpose.

As our name suggests, "Kei Te Ao Whakamāramatanga: UNDEFINED," we embrace the concept of an undefined future – a future shaped by the aspirations and determination of our learners. By fostering a space where pathways are tailored, growth is facilitated, and inclusivity is celebrated, we propel learners towards their goals.

"Kei Te Ao Whakamāramatanga: UNDEFINED" stands as a testament to the belief that growth knows no bounds, pathways are illuminated, and a brighter S.T.E.A.M future is attainable for all. We invite learners to join us in this journey of empowerment, exploration, and unlimited potential.

User Stories

User Story 1

Pathway Designer As a young learner, I want to build a personalized learning pathway in S.T.E.A.M, using interactive elements to plan my educational journey. I aim to download this pathway for future reference and guidance.

User Story 2

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Ready-to-Go Pathways Being uncertain about my S.T.E.A.M career, I seek established pathways that align with specific career titles. I intend to select from premade pathways that provide clear steps towards my desired career.

User Story 3

Resource Access As an eager learner, I wish to access curated learning resources relevant to my chosen pathway steps. I aim to download a comprehensive list of resources that will aid my learning.

User Story 4

Digital Safety Learner Being conscious of my online presence, I want to understand digital safety and its implications. I aim to learn about online security, the influence of social media, and how websites function.

User Story 5

Varied Learning Formats As a diverse learner, I seek learning resources in multiple formats, including text, videos, interactive experiences, and podcasts. I aim to customize my learning experience based on my preferences.

User Story 6

Inclusive Access With specific accessibility needs, I desire customization options to adjust font sizes, page colors, and compatibility with screen readers. I aim to access content in a way that suits my requirements.

User Story 7

Historical Insight Seeker Curious about the historical context of technology, I wish to explore how advancements have impacted societies and cultures. I aim to discover how pursuing a S.T.E.A.M career contributes to personal growth.

User Story 8

Engaging Community As a young enthusiast, I seek to engage with a community of peers who share my interests. I aim to participate in events, connect through platforms like GitHub and Slack, and seek guidance through a dedicated email address.

User Needs

User Need 1: Personalized Pathway Creation

Young learners need the ability to create tailored learning pathways in S.T.E.A.M using interactive tools. This empowers them to design their educational journey according to their goals, with the option to download their pathway for future reference.

User Need 2: Clear Pathway Selection

Students uncertain about their S.T.E.A.M career choices require access to predefined pathways aligned with specific career titles. This enables them to choose established routes that outline the necessary steps for their chosen careers.

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User Need 3: Resource Access for Learning

Enthusiastic learners need easy access to curated and relevant learning resources corresponding to their chosen pathway steps. This provision allows them to acquire comprehensive resource lists that facilitate their learning process.

User Need 4: Digital Awareness and Safety

Users are seeking insights into digital safety, social media influence, and online browsing processes. They require a dedicated section to educate them about these aspects, enabling them to navigate the digital world responsibly.

User Need 5: Diverse Learning Formats

Diverse learners desire learning resources presented in various formats such as text, videos, interactive content, and podcasts. This flexibility accommodates individual learning preferences, ensuring an engaging educational experience.

User Need 6: Inclusive Accessibility

Users with specific accessibility needs require options to customize font size, page colors, and compatibility with screen readers. This feature ensures content accessibility, addressing the unique requirements of different learners.

User Need 7: Historical and Cultural Context

Curious learners seek historical insights on how technological advancements have shaped societies and cultures. They need a platform that highlights the impact of S.T.E.A.M careers on personal and societal growth.

User Need 8: Engaged Community Interaction

Young enthusiasts desire engagement with a supportive community. They seek involvement in events, networking through platforms like GitHub and Slack, and accessing guidance via a dedicated email channel.

Focus

Cultural Integration: By incorporating Māori language, the theme honors the Māori culture and its rich linguistic heritage. The choice of words reflects a harmonious blend of English and Māori, catering to both cultural communities.

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Empowerment and Pathways: "Empowering Pathways" underscores the platform's objective of enabling learners to shape their educational journey according to their interests and goals, promoting a sense of ownership and direction.

Cultural Identity: The theme respects and acknowledges the bicultural nature of New Zealand by integrating both Māori and European cultural elements. It conveys a message of unity and inclusivity, highlighting the significance of diverse backgrounds.

S.T.E.A.M Focus: The theme's emphasis on "S.T.E.A.M" aligns with the platform's primary focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. It resonates with the educational and career-related goals of the users.

Logo Concepts



Navigation Map

1. Home Page:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Overview of the Platform's Mission

2. Explore Pathways:

- Browse Different S.T.E.A.M Fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)
- Search for Specific Careers or Interests

3. Build Your Pathway:

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- Interactive Pathway Builder Tool
 - Choose S.T.E.A.M Field
 - Save or Share Your Custom Pathway

4. Learning Resources:

- Curated Learning Materials for Each Field and Career
- Online Courses, Tutorials, Books, Videos, Blogs, etc.

5. Skill Development:

- Practical Steps to Develop Specific Skills
- Skill-Building Projects or Challenges

6. Events and Workshops:

- Information about S.T.E.A.M Events, Workshops, and Conferences
- Opportunities for Networking and Learning

9. Community and Support:

- Ask Questions, Share Experiences, Seek Advice

10. About Us:

- Details About the Platform's Mission and Vision
- Team Members, Contact Information

11. FAQ and Help:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- User Support and Troubleshooting

12. Get Involved:

- Volunteer Opportunities

13. Privacy and Policies:

- Privacy Policy, Terms of Use, Data Handling

14. History:

- Timeline of Major S.T.E.A.M Discoveries, Innovations, and Milestones
- Key Figures and Their Contributions

Learning Model

To ensure learning materials meet a certain standard.

<https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Ministry/Procurement/Effective-Educational-Resources-Information-Sheet-Mar-2018.pdf>

| 1 | have a clear instructional purpose |
|----------|--|
| 2 | make positive connections with learners' knowledge, experience, and identity |
| 3 | build knowledge about what is required for achieving particular tasks |
| 4 | are engaging |
| 5 | support the use of assessment to enhance learning |
| 6 | are ethical, just, inclusive, and fair |

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are well crafted, structured, and appropriate for their purpose

Pre-defined career pathways

This section is for users who are curious about specific careers they will be able to view at least 10 careers for each discipline.

For this the careers need to be categorized by discipline for example, Game development: career titles, Software Development: Career title, etc

Re-structure the pathway to get there

Output resources to learn more and get started with the specific skills

Process

1. View steps
2. Order steps
3. Click next
4. First page step 1, learn more about the step, make selective choices on parts to learn
5. Repeat for rest of steps
6. Generate path
7. Output learning resources in order to follow

Undefined pathway builder system

This section allows the user to create their own pathway with topics they are interested in learning, they can then follow the steps with the learning resources that are generated, various career and course options are calculated using an algorithm that counts how many topics from each discipline the user has added to their path.

Process

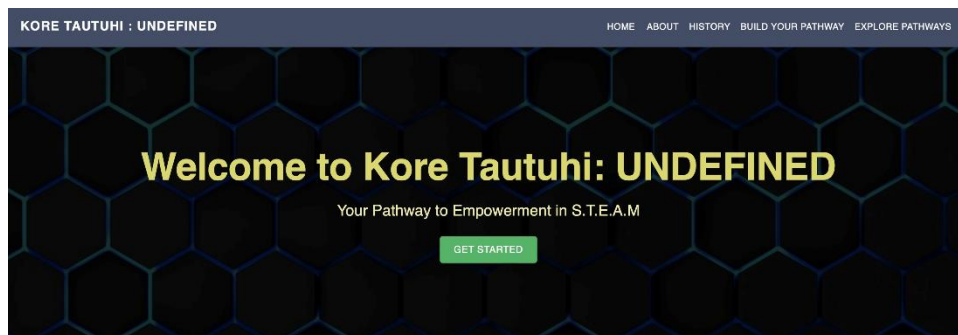
1. User browses through the various disciplines and topics available in S.T.E.A.M
2. They can click the info icon to learn more about a specific topic and the skills they will learn
3. The user can drag and drop into the designated area
4. They can remove the items
5. Once completed click the next button
6. View steps

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7. Order steps to their preference
8. Generate path
9. Output learning resources for each skill in the step
10. Download step as a PDF
11. Review possible career options and courses that may be of interest.

Design

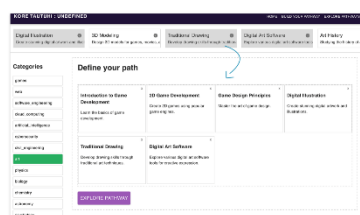
Home page



Bridging Education and Career Aspirations

Introducing our innovative platform dedicated to connecting the world of education with the realm of S.T.E.A.M career ambitions. Through dynamic pathway visualization and a meticulously curated collection of educational materials, we inspire and embolden young individuals to shape their unique journey within the realm of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Our platform serves as the catalyst for them to chart their course, set aspirations, and accomplish their envisioned accomplishments in the S.T.E.A.M arena.

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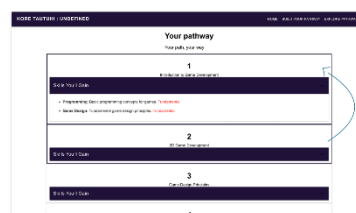


Step 1

- Browse through the various S.T.E.A.M categories.
- Use the info icon to learn more about specific modules.
- Drag the modules you are interested in learning into your pathway box.
- When ready, click the Explore Pathway button to move on to the next step.

Step 2

- You have the flexibility to prioritize and arrange the steps based on your preferences.
- Drag the boxes into the position that suits.
- You can also expand the "skills you'll gain" section to learn more about the skills and content you will be provided with.
- Click the Continue button to generate your bespoke pathway.



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About page

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HOME ABOUT HISTORY BUILD YOUR PATHWAY EXPLORE PATHWAYS

About Us

Many young individuals believe that pursuing a career in technology is too difficult, uninteresting, or financially out of reach, further contributing to a lack of enthusiasm. For those who show an interest, the overwhelming variety of paths available often adds stress and anxiety when deciding on a future career. In response to these challenges, we have taken a proactive approach to promote S.T.E.A.M careers as viable and exciting opportunities for all, using our undefined pathway building system, users can chart their own course and learn about a variety of different topics from resources sourced from across the web.

Our Initiatives

- Give guidance to achieving various career goals and ambitions
- Provide curated learning resources from a variety of different places across the web
- The undefined system allows users to chart their own course
- Pre-defined career options highlight some of the career titles and pay ranges for a variety of different disciplines

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History of STEAM

Technology Throughout History

Explore the fascinating journey of technology from ancient tools to the digital age. Discover how innovations like the wheel, printing press, and the internet have shaped human progress.

Ancient Tools

The use of tools by early humans marked the beginning of technological advancements. From simple hand tools to the development of agriculture, these innovations revolutionized how humans lived and interacted with their environment.

Printing Press

Johannes Gutenberg's invention of the printing press in the 15th century transformed communication and knowledge dissemination. The ability to mass-produce books revolutionized education, science, and the spread of ideas.

Digital Age

The digital age, characterized by the internet and computers, has connected the world like never before. It has revolutionized communication, commerce, and information access, creating a global society driven by technology.

The Evolution of Science

Delve into the history of scientific discovery, from early observations by ancient scholars to the groundbreaking experiments of modern physicists and biologists. Learn how science has expanded our understanding of the universe.

Ancient Observations

Ancient scholars like Aristotle and Galileo made early observations about the natural world, setting the stage for scientific inquiry.

Modern Physics

The 20th century brought revolutionary advancements in physics, with Albert Einstein's theory of relativity and quantum mechanics changing our understanding of the universe.

Biological Discoveries

Modern biology has unveiled the secrets of life, from the discovery of DNA's structure to advancements in genetics, ecology, and medical science.

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Learn the basics of game development.

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Create 2D games using popular game engines.

3D Game Development

Explore 3D game development and modeling.

Game Design Principles

Master the art of game design.

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2D Game Development

Create 2D games using popular game engines.

Start with the fundamentals of 2D game development.

- Gain insight into 2D game development
- Identify your areas of interest in 2D game development

Skills you'll gain include:

- Introduction to 2D Game Development
- Unity Basics
- 2D Game Art

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Your pathway

Your path, your way

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2D Game Development

Skills You'll Gain

- **Unity:** Learn Unity for 2D game development. **Tool**
- **Game Art:** Creating 2D game assets and sprites. **Skill**

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Step 1

2D Game Development

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Name: 2D Game Development

Description: This introductory module provides an overview of 2D game development, including the role of game engines and the creation of 2D game assets. You'll get a sense of what it takes to develop 2D games.

Resources

- Understanding the 2D game development process: [Getting started](#)
- Exploring 2D game genres: [Getting started](#)
- Getting familiar with game engines for 2D games: [Getting started](#)

Name: Unity Basics

Description: Learn the fundamental concepts of Unity for 2D game development. You'll work on setting up game scenes, implementing player controls, and handling collisions in 2D games.

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Career and course guidance:

analyze existing games and create your game design documents.

Resources

Name: Creating Game Assets

Description: Learn how to create and manage game assets like graphics, audio, and animations. You'll use tools and software commonly used in the game development industry.

Resources

PREVIOUS STEP

NEXT STEP

Possible Career's and Courses

Games**Title: Game Designer**

Pay: \$65,000 - \$120,000 per year
 Courses: Game Development Level 5

Title: Game Developer

Pay: \$60,000 - \$110,000 per year
 Courses: Game Development Level 5

Title: Game Tester

Pay: \$45,000 - \$85,000 per year
 Courses: Game Testing Level 5

Art**Title: Graphic Designer**

Pay: \$45,000 - \$80,000 per year
 Courses: Information Technology Level 5

Title: Illustrator

Pay: \$40,000 - \$70,000 per year
 Courses: Digital Illustration Level 5

Title: UI/UX Designer

Pay: \$50,000 - \$90,000 per year
 Courses: User Interface Design Level 5

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Skill: Understanding the 2D game development process

Resource: <https://gamemaker.io/en/blog/how-to-make-a-2d-game>

Skill: Exploring 2D game genres

Resource: <https://gamemaker.io/en/blog/2d-game-genres>

Skill: Getting familiar with game engines for 2D games

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Technology

Dive into the realm of technology and innovation.

EXPLORE TECHNOLOGY

Science

Dive into the realm of science and exploration.

EXPLORE SCIENCE

Engineering

Dive into the realm of Engineering and Curiosity.

EXPLORE ENGINEERING

Art

Dive into the realm of Artistic expression and design.

EXPLORE ART

Mathematics

Dive into the realm of the fabric of the universe.

EXPLORE MATHEMATICS

Pathway System

Customize your learning journey by building your own path

BUILD YOUR OWN

S: Science

T: Technology

E: Engineering

A: Art

M: Maths

All Pathways

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Tech Career Pathways

Software Engineer

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Data Scientist

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DevOps Engineer

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Graphics Designer

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Game Developer

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AI Engineer

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Create Your Own Pathway

Customize your learning journey based on your interests.

CREATE YOUR PATHWAY

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Software Engineer

A software engineer designs, develops, and maintains software applications and systems. They are responsible for creating efficient, reliable, and maintainable code.

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Build a strong foundation in programming.

Skills You'll Gain

- **Programming Fundamentals:** Develop a strong foundation in programming by understanding variables, data types, operators, and control flow. Learn to write clean and efficient code. **Technical skill**
- **Data Structures and Algorithms:** Learn about fundamental data structures and algorithms and how to apply them to solve real-world problems. **Technical skill**
- **Version Control:** Understand version control systems like Git for efficient collaboration and code management. **Technical skill**
- **Object-Oriented Programming (OOP):** Master OOP principles and design patterns for building modular and maintainable code. **Technical skill**
- **Debugging and Testing:** Learn how to debug and test code to ensure it's error-free and robust. **Technical skill**
- **Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC):** Familiarize yourself with the SDLC and best practices for software development. **Technical skill**

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Hosting and Deployment

The site can be viewed at undefined.co.nz

Its hosted using Kubernetes

The Kubernetes cluster contains.

- Ingress nginx controller
- Deployment via docker container image

Nginx is the web server that is responsible for displaying the files in the docker image.

The ingress controller handles incoming traffic from the domain name which is linked to my dynamic public Ip address through DNS server handlers.

deployment.yaml

```
1 apiVersion: apps/v1
2 kind: Deployment
3 metadata:
4   name: undefined-deployment
5 spec:
6   replicas: 1
7   selector:
8     matchLabels:
9       app: undefined
10  template:
11    metadata:
12      labels:
13        app: undefined
14    spec:
15      containers:
16        - name: undefined-container
17          image: abdadthecreator/undefined:latest
18          ports:
19            - containerPort: 80
20
```


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ingress.yaml

```
1 apiVersion: networking.k8s.io/v1
2 kind: Ingress
3 metadata:
4   name: undefined-ingress
5   # annotations:
6   #   # add an annotation indicating the issuer to use.
7   #   cert-manager.io/cluster-issuer: letsencrypt-staging
8   #   kubernetes.io/ingress.class:z: "nginx"
9 spec:
10  # tls: # < placing a host in the TLS config will determine what ends up in the cert's subjectAltNames
11  #   - hosts:
12  #     - www.undefined.co.nz
13  #     - undefined.co.nz
14  #   secretName:   # < cert-manager will store the created certificate in this secret.
15  rules:
16  - host: www.undefined.co.nz
17    http:
18      paths:
19      - path: /
20        pathType: Prefix
21        backend:
22          service:
23            name: undefined-service
24            port:
25              number: 8080
26  - host: undefined.co.nz
27    http:
28      paths:
29      - path: /
30        pathType: Prefix
31        backend:
32          service:
33            name: undefined-service
34            port:
35              number: 8080
36
```

service.yaml

```
1 apiVersion: v1
2 kind: Service
3 metadata:
4   name: undefined-service
5 spec:
6   selector:
7     app: undefined
8   ports:
9     - protocol: TCP
10      port: 8080
11      targetPort: 80
12   type: ClusterIP
```

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nginx.yaml

```
1 apiVersion: apps/v1
2 kind: Deployment
3 metadata:
4   name: nginx-deployment
5 spec:
6   replicas: 1
7   selector:
8     matchLabels:
9       app: nginx
10  template:
11    metadata:
12      labels:
13        app: nginx
14    spec:
15      containers:
16      - name: nginx
17        image: abdabthecreator/undefined:latest
18        ports:
19        - containerPort: 80
20 ---
21 apiVersion: v1
22 kind: Service
23 metadata:
24   name: nginx
25 spec:
26   selector:
27     app: nginx
28   ports:
29   - protocol: TCP
30     port: 80
31     targetPort: 80
32     nodePort: 32000
33   type: NodePort
34   externalIPs:
35     [redacted]
```