**4-1 Journal: Career Choice and Artifact Update**

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1. **Have you changed your career plans? If so, what prompted this change? If not, why have you remained with your original plan?**  
   I came into this degree with an open mind about possible career paths and I’ve discovered that I enjoy working with databases. Taking the various computer science courses here at SNHU allowed me to find an area that I really enjoy.
2. **How have your thinking about your career evolved?**  
   My thinking has evolved by realizing how many different career paths there are. A computer science degree does not have to mean software engineer, there are many other areas to find employment. I’ve expanded my options for future career opportunities.
3. **Have you completed any research about your choice of career? How has this impacted your thinking? Have you thought about seeking an advanced degree or certification after earning your undergraduate degree?**  
   I have done some preliminary research on various careers but have not done a deep dive on them yet. There do appear to be some opportunities in my area, but I am sure it is a competitive industry. I have considered seeking an advanced degree, but if I went in that direction, it wouldn’t be for several years, I want to get settled into a new role first. Certifications could be beneficial, there are a lot of options available for online certifications.
4. **Which course outcomes have you achieved so far, and which ones remain?**  
   I have completed outcomes 1, 2, 3, and 5. I only have outcome 4 left.

**Status Checkpoints**

| **Checkpoint** | **Software Design and Engineering** | **Algorithms and Data Structures** | **Databases** |
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| **Name of Artifact Used** | **Artifact name:** Project 2 Dashboard  **Origin:** CS-340 Client Server Development | **Artifact name:** Project 2 Dashboard  **Origin:** CS-340 Client Server Development | **Artifact name:** Project 2 Dashboard  **Origin:** CS340 Client Server Development |
| **Status of Initial Enhancement** | Enhancement completed. | Enhancement completed. | Enhancement in progress. |
| **Submission Status** | Submitted to Brightspace. | Submitting now. | Not yet submitted. |
| **Status of Final Enhancement** | Pending feedback. | Pending feedback. | Not yet submitted, no feedback. |
| **Uploaded to ePortfolio** | Planned but not completed yet. | Planned but not completed yet. | Planned but not completed yet. |
| **Status of Finalized ePortfolio** | Planned but not completed yet. | Planned but not completed yet. | Planned but not completed yet. |