Career Plans -   
  
Chris – Web Design and Development/Software Engineering  
Felipe – Software Engineering  
Ben – Data Analytics

As was the case with our ideal jobs, our career plans cover a large scope of the IT industry. We each have different interests which have influenced these intended plans; however, progressing through this subject has given us all an understanding and comprehension as to how to make these plans a reality.   
  
While the differences between our career plans are laid bare in the definition alone, the one thing that has become apparent to us throughout this subject though is that many careers within the IT industry contain similar base skills and knowledge. SQL for instance was heavily required for all three of our ideal job titles while other skills such as JavaScript and Python were apparent across at least two of our roles. This showed us how transferable skills across different areas of the industry can be and how valuable learning different skills is.

While none of our career plans have drastically changed through assignments one or two, we have all begun to recognise the value in expanding our knowledge within the industry to make a larger number of roles within our preferred area available to us. Focusing on only a specific role or skillset can really narrow your chances of growing within the industry, something that is constantly required. Through the Burning Glass data exercise, we all identified that it is essential to maintain a healthy awareness of industry skills as many are applicable in multiple areas. By doing this the opportunities within a preferred career multiply but also the opportunity to evolve and change careers becomes far more achievable.