

HOW TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO AFTER COLLEGE?

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WHO THE HELL AM I TO GIVE YOU CAREER ADVICE?

- **BEEN IN YOUR SHOES- FINAL YEAR BTECH CSE STUDENT AT VIT VELLORE**
- **DOING WHAT MOST OF YOU ASPIRE TO DO- INTERNING AS AN SDE AT A BIG MNC (DLT LABS)**
- **LIVING MY DREAMS- FOUNDER AND CEO OF C4 PROJECTS**

LONG STORY SHORT- MY ADVICE CAN PROBABLY SAVE YOU A LOT OF UNNECESSARY STRUGGLE

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**SIT FOR ON CAMPUS PLACEMENTS AND
BAG A TECH ROLE**

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-EVERY SENIOR EVER

THE MOST GENERIC CAREER ADVICE

THE CATCH

- **EVEN THE MOST GENERIC CAREER ADVICE IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EVERYONE THUS MAKING IT USELESS!**

THE SOLUTION

- **LET'S ASK THE BIGGER QUESTION- WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACHIEVE IN LIFE?**
- **NOW AN EVER BIGGER ONE- WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN LIFE?**

LIFE GOALS 101

- **PROSPERITY (CAREER AND FINANCIAL SUCCESS)**
- **PLEASURE (HOBBIES AND RELATIONSHIPS)**
- **PEACE (SATISFACTION)**

LONG STORY SHORT- YOUR LIFE DEPENDS A LOT ON THE CAREER YOU CHOOSE TO PURSUE

HOW TO MEASURE CAREER SUCCESS?

IMPACT

INCOME

HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER?

**PERSONAL
FIT**

- **COMPETITION**
- **IMPACT**
- **INCOME**
- **SKILLS**
- **CONNECTIONS**
- **CREDENTIALS**

CAREER STRATEGY

EARLY STAGE

● **LEARNING**

● **EARNING**

LATER STAGE

● **LEARNING**

● **EARNING**

CHOOSING A CAREER

- **SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR- PERSONAL FIT**
- **HOW TO KNOW WHICH CAREERS ARE BETTER FIT? TRY ALL OF THEM!**

BUT THAT'S NAÏVE!

YEAH, I KNOW

THE OPTIMIZED APPROACH

- THE CAREERS CAN BE ROUGHLY CATEGORIZED INTO- **TECH, BUSINESS, POLICY AND ART**
- **THUS YOU FIRST TRY OUT A LITTLE OF EACH AND THEN YOU DIVE DEEPER INTO THE ONES YOU LIKE**

BEST TIME TO EXPLORE?

COLLEGE

(BUT WHY? WHAT'S THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN)

THE FRAMEWORK

- **1ST AND 2ND YEAR- EXPLORATION**
- **3RD YEAR- PREPARATION**
- **4TH YEAR- APPLYING**

REALITY- EXPLORATION WON'T REALLY END, PREPARATION WON'T REALLY END, APPLYING WON'T REALLY END

THINGS WILL BE DYNAMIC

HOW TO EXPLORE?

- **TECH- LEARN PYTHON**
- **BUSINESS- HELP ORGANIZING AN EVENT**
- **POLICY- GO TO AN MUN**
- **ART- TRY CANVA**

BUT WHAT IF I AM STILL CONFUSED?

- **FIRST OF ALL, IF YOU DID EXPLORE, YOU WOULD ALREADY HAVE A GOOD PROFILE AND A PLETHORA OF TRANSFERRABLE SKILLS THAT WOULD HELP YOU NO MATTER WHAT CAREER YOU PURSUE**
- **SECOND, BUILD A CAREER IN **TECH** (WHY?)**

CAREER PATHS IN TECH

- **MASTERS(US)- BETTER ECONOMY BUT DEBT**
- **JOB- SECURITY BUT LOW INCOME AND IMPACT**
- **FREELANCING- MORE BUT STILL NOT ENOUGH INCOME AND IMPACT**
- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP- INCOME AND IMPACT BUT MAX STRESS**

REQUIREMENTS OF CAREER PATHS IN TECH

- **MASTERS(US)- ACADS, GRE, RESEARCH PAPERS**
- **ON CAMPUS- ACADS, CP**
- **OFF CAMPUS- PROJECTS, NETWORK (FOR REFERRALS)**
- **FREELANCING- INDUSTRY SPECIFIC SKILLS AND NETWORK**
- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP- WIDE AMOUNT OF SKILLS, DEPTH IN CERTAIN SKILLS, WIDE NETWORK, CLOSE FRIENDS WITH WHOM YOU HAVE WORKED BEFORE, DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF A PROBLEM YOU TRULY CARE ABOUT**

EXPLORING TECH DOMAINS

- **ML (START HERE)**
- **WEBDEV (LEARN DEPLOYING A MODEL AND BUILDING A FULL STACK APP ON TOP OF IT)**
- **SPECIALIZE- FRONTEND, BACKEND, DEVOPS, SECURITY, XR, GAMEDEV, APPDEV, BLOCKCHAIN, DL, CP, ROBOTICS, IOT**

PREPARING FOR A CAREER IN TECH

- **PROFILE**
- **COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMING**
- **GRE/APTITUDE**
- **ACADS**

PROFILE BUILDING AND EXPLORATION IN COLLEGE

TECH

- **PROJECTS**
- **OPEN SOURCE**
- **COMPETITIVE PROGRAMMING**
- **HACKATHONS**
- **RESEARCH PAPERS AND PATENTS**
- **INTERSHIPS**

NON TECH

- **EVENTS**
- **COMMUNITY**
- **MUNS**
- **GRAPHIC DESIGN**
- **TOASTMASTERS**
- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

STILL CONFUSED?

- **SIT FOR ON CAMPUS PLACEMENTS, BAG A TECH ROLE AND KEEP EXPLORING**
- **ONCE DECIDED, PREPARE AND APPLY**

CAREER ESSENTIALS

- **SOFT SKILLS- LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATION- JOIN A TOASTMASTERS CLUB**
- **LINKEDIN**
- **GITHUB/EQUIVALENT**
- **RESUME**
- **WEBSITE AND BLOG**

LIFE ESSENTIALS

- **HEALTH**
- **LEARNING HOW TO LEARN**
- **PRODUCTIVITY**
- **EDUCATION**
- **CAREER**
- **SKILLS**
- **NETWORK**
- **PERSONAL BRANDING**
- **INVESTING**
- **HOBBIES**
- **RELATIONSHIPS**
- **MEDITATION AND SPIRITUALITY**

YOUR ROADMAP

- **DECIDING WHAT TO DO**

- **BREADTH**

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- **DEPTH**

- **ONCE DECIDED**

- **CREDENTIALS, PREPARATION, SOFT SKILLS, SOCIALS AND PERSONAL BRANDING, AND RESUME**
 - **NETWORK**
 - **APPLYING**

**IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT YOU
ARE WORKING ON RIGHT NOW**

ANY QUESTIONS?

GET IN TOUCH!

- **MY LINKEDIN PROFILE:**

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THANK YOU!

ALL THE BEST AND KEEP ROCKING!