Transition from School to Work

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Would you marry someone after a 30 minute interview?

- Think of looking for a job as a 2-3 year process
- Start early in your graduate career
- Network, network, network
Top 3 Skills

• Computational Skills
• Writing Skills / Verbal Skills
• Teamwork
Demonstrating your skill set

• Tangible accomplishments
• Software written (including documentation)
• Papers, reports, research statement
• Special projects / REUs / internships
Other Important Skills

- Leadership skills
- Initiative / Self-starter
- Interpersonal skills
Useful References

- This talk can be found at:

- Other useful general information can be found at:
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