

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:
 - <http://hpcrd.lbl.gov/~meza/presentations.html>
- Other useful general information can be found at:
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