

Your next career experiment.

[01] Start with your life

Describe the work you want and the limits your experiment needs to respect.

What can you already do well?

List three strengths and one example that demonstrates each.

What should your working day feel like?

Consider screen time, movement, independence, teamwork, location and schedule.

What must remain workable?

Time available, training cost, income needs and responsibilities. General notes are enough.

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[02] Compare two possible paths

Use actual evidence. A path may be a job, a different way of building software or a small service business.

Path A

Name the work, what appeals to you and what you would need to learn.

Path B

Name a realistic alternative and the tradeoffs you want to compare.

What does the evidence say?

Record five current job postings or customer conversations, source links and dates. Note repeated requirements.

Who can help you understand the reality?

Plan two practitioner or customer conversations. Ask about a normal day, entry requirements and common misconceptions.

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[03] Design a 30-day experiment

Choose something small, safe and useful enough to help you decide. A learning activity is not a professional qualification.

What question will you test?

Example: Do I enjoy hardware troubleshooting enough to explore data-center technician roles?

What will you actually do?

Choose a learning module, a supervised visit, a small practice app or an agreed customer pilot.

What are your time and spending limits?

Set a weekly time budget and a maximum cost before starting.

What evidence will you produce?

A skills map, practitioner feedback, a tested prototype or a measured improvement-not just a certificate.

Your four-week plan

Week 1: research. Week 2: conversations. Week 3: practice. Week 4: review.

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[04] **Make the next decision**

Return to these questions at the end of your experiment. Setting a path aside can be a useful outcome.

When will you review it?

Choose a date and, if useful, someone to discuss the evidence with.

What did you learn?

What gave you energy? What was harder than expected? Which assumptions changed?

Continue, adjust or set aside?

Choose one, explain why and name your next specific action.
