

On the other side of life's most
significant challenges await our
greatest rewards

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Roadmap:

The Get-It-Together Guide for Figuring Out What to Do with Your life

(Exploring Paths and Possibilities)

➤ Chapter 14: Roadmap

Roadmap – Key Components

➤ Self Construction

- Begins with our interests and values
- There is no predetermined blueprint
- Evolves as an interactive journey
- Shapes our individuality
- Involves identifying personal priorities
- Requires constant self-examination
- Necessitates recognizing when to pivot
- Continues indefinitely



Roadmap – Key Components

➤ Foundation

- Comprised of the core characteristics that give purpose and meaning to our lives
- Not defined by wealth or power
- Examples of foundation:
 - Helping People
 - Accomplishing goals
 - Teaching/Mentoring
 - Problem Solving
 - Expressing Creativity



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Roadmap – Key Components

➤ Core Interests

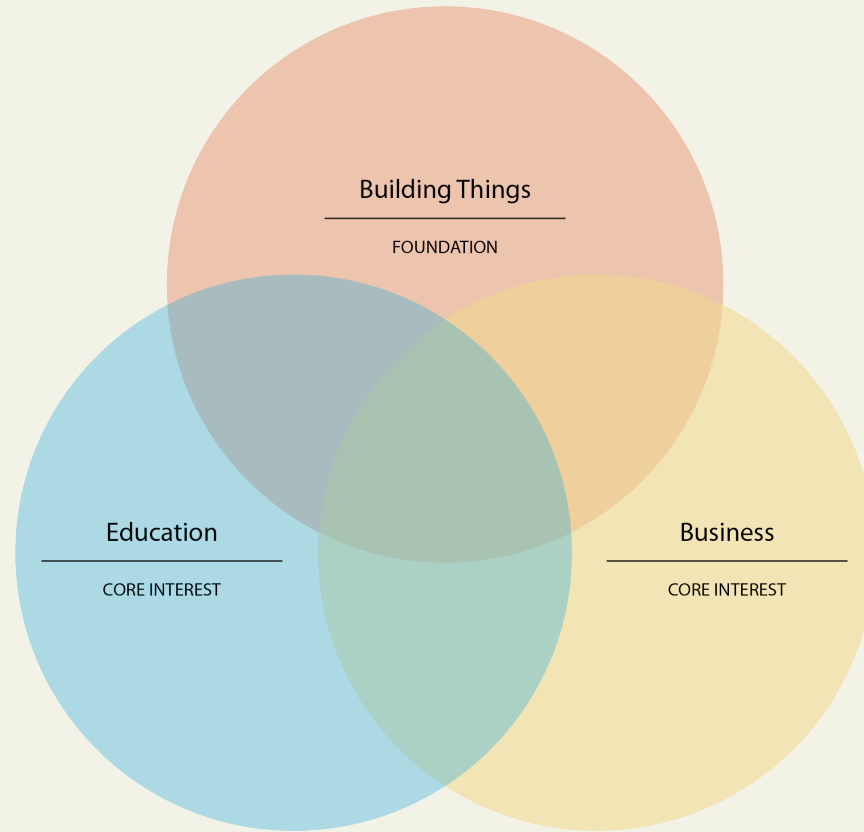
- Source of joy in our lives
- Things that bring a smile to our face
- Examples of interests:
 - Art
 - Film
 - Music
 - Food
 - Business
 - Walking in nature



The Roadmap

- Acts as a guide navigating life's decisions
 - Choosing a job
 - Changing careers
- Doesn't provide the final-destination
- Doesn't dictate out next step
- Provides reassurance that we are headed in the right direction
- Ensure alignment with our foundation and core interests

My Roadmap



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(From Planning to Action)

➤ Chapter 15: Drip. Drip. Splash.

Drip. Drip. Splash.

- Your roadmap is completed: what now?
- Locate your adjacent possible
 - Discover your array of potential pathways stemming from previous decisions
 - Explore all available options and opportunities

Drip. Drip. Splash.

➤ Fake it Till You Make it

- Embrace confidence
- Be determined
- Your goals might appear impossible
- What is the most expansive possibility
 - Sing like Taylor Swift (fill arenas)
- What is the most constrained possibility
 - Sing Taylor Swift songs at a karaoke bar
- Avoid getting stuck in doubt
- Make a decision (any decision)

Drip. Drip. Splash.

➤ My Path:

- Wanted to learn Spanish – DRIP
- Enrolled in community – DRIP
- Graduate – DRIP
- Enrolled and graduated UCLA – DRIP
- Enroll in an MBA program – DRIP
- Graduate with an MBA - DRIP
- Change careers & work in private equity - SPLASH



Michael Jordan

➤ Standing Records:

- Jordan holds the record for the highest career points per game average in NBA history with 30.12 points per game over his entire career.
- Jordan won the NBA scoring title ten times during his career.
- Jordan holds the record for the highest career scoring average in NBA playoff history with 33.45 points per game.
- Jordan holds the record for the most NBA Finals MVP awards with six.
- Jordan scored 63 points in a playoff game against the Boston Celtics on April 20, 1986, which still stands as the most points scored by a player in a single NBA playoff game.



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Navigating the Roadmap

➤ The Roadmap

- Self Construction:
- Foundation
- Core interests

➤ Drip. Drip. Splash.

- Adjacent possible
- Fake it till you make it
- Embrace confidence
- Don't get stuck
- Make decisions

Questions

- Based on the roadmap components discussed, (foundation and core interests) which aspect of your personal roadmap do you find is most challenging to define or follow and why?
- Imagine that you are at a point where your roadmap feels unaligned with your foundation and core interests. What measures can you use to pivot to a new path?
- The concept of “fake it till you make it” suggests a confidence-first approach to achieving goals. Do you agree with this idea, and what are the potential drawbacks of adopting this approach?