

Build a Bulletproof GIS - Focus on your Purpose

It turns out that we as humans do way better in all aspects of our life if we have a purpose or goal that we are working towards. Being laser focused on your purpose in geographic information systems will make you 10 times more effective, 10 times more impact and end up making you more money. Purpose changes over time, requiring constant refinement as your progress.

Use the answers you come up with below to better understand your current purpose and what you need to do to accomplish your GIS goals.

Step 1

Identify your current purpose / goal and how it relates to GIS

Step 2

List two important traits needed to accomplish your current purpose and two counter intuitive traits to accomplish your current purpose.

Step 3

Identify what steps are needed accomplish these traits. (Most complicated)

Step 4

Repeat for different purposes or as your purpose changes as you progress.



Focus on your Purpose - Example

Purposes can be short term, medium term, or long term. Easiest to understand are short term

Step 1

Identify your current purpose and how it relates to GIS

1. Passing my geographic information systems courses at the top of the class.

Step 2

List two important traits needed to accomplish your current purpose and two counter intuitive traits to accomplish your current purpose.

1. Important
 - Finish all assignments on time and correctly
 - Be well organized and pay attention
2. Counter intuitive
 - Be the student other students come to for help, and help them.
 - Complete extra work that has no grade value, but will make me better at GIS.

Step 3

Identify what steps are needed accomplish these traits. (Most complicated)

1. Organize my day around classes, assignments and exams.
2. Use Google Calendar to organize
3. Use Pomodoro timer to limit Online distractions (search for this, very useful)
4. Get involved with student organizations
5. Organize a study session once a week to help other students.
6. Ask lecturers if they need assistance outside of class time.
7. Ask lecturers about opportunities outside of class.

