

Hello!

Career Paths in CS

My Path

"typical" paths

Academia → Research

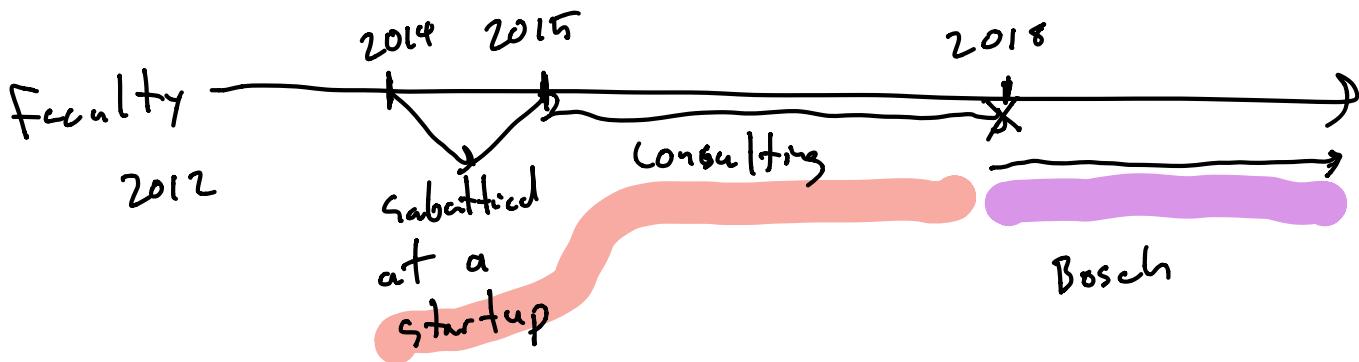
Industry → Industry

Government + non-profit / govt lab

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My Path

Undergrad → Grad School → Post-doc → faculty  
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Academia

Many roles:

- post doc (temporary)  $\approx \$55K - 75K$

- research scientist / research track faculty  
↑ non-CMU

$\approx \$100K -$

• (non temporary)

• soft money

• tenure-track faculty =  $\$110K -$   
• job security

- majority salary covered by university
  - teaching-track faculty  $\approx \$??$  - 100K
    - some equiv of "tenure"
    - some universities, tenure  $\rightarrow$  teaching track
- research univ vs. teaching Univ
- adjunct faculty  $\Rightarrow \approx \$6/k course$  (relatively high)
    - semester-by-semester contracts
    - little job opportunity

## Industry

- Industry research labs  $\approx \$130K - \$1M$ 
    - ↳ huge range of what this means
- Pure research  $\xleftarrow{\sim}$  Applied research
- "papers"  $\xleftarrow{\sim}$  "products"
- getting much harder
  - future??
- Industry-industry (typically "software engineer")
    - wide spectrum  $\xrightarrow{\sim} \$200 - \$500$  (tech)
    - business consulting
    - management
    - "purely" product focused
    - "SE"
    - coder, UI/UX, data scientist