USEFUL SKILLS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO INDUSTRY.

ABSTRACT: During his career, Saran has seen many new graduates having a difficult time transitioning into an industrial job even though they were great students and had excellent technical skills. He would like to share his observations on skill sets that can complement your technical ability and help make that transition smoother.

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