Workshop 1  Assessing software success – Products and Processes

What, in your opinion, is a successful software project?
   Is there an official definition of project success?
What points of view are there?
   - a successful project for one person might be a disaster for another.
Can we define success as an absence of problems?
   ("At least, it wasn't cancelled!")

Define a process.
   Why do we need to have project phases?
Are there any phases of software development that we could quantify?
Can we go beyond stakeholders’ opinions and move to an objective measurement of success?

Consider hunting for a job as a process. Draw up the tasks and intermediate checkpoints you believe are necessary to ensure that you obtain the employment you want. Define a series of steps, so that it is written as a procedure - which is susceptible to monitoring, improvement and optimisation.

Important: How would you verify that each step has been successfully completed?

Write a short (one page) summary of your ideas for the workshop.
After the workshop, any useful points you have obtained from listening to other students should be summarised.