

My Second Reflection

After my second fifty hours with the cybersecurity clinic, I feel like I have learned a great deal. I met with Greg Tomchick of Valor cybersecurity, as well as a few other speakers. The first assignment we were given by Valor was to “hit the streets” and complete risk assessments for local businesses. This turned out to be easier said than done however, as I was only able to complete one. Unlike the companies we were assigned for the clinic, who applied to be a part of the clinic, the local business that we tried to give risk assessments to did not apply for the clinic, and did not know who we were or what we were doing. As a result of this, my team, as well as when I went by myself, did not have many successful takers. Most of the businesses we visited were either locked or closed when we visited, or did not have any employees visible. Other businesses were either busy and did not have anyone free to talk to us at the time we visited, or did not seem interested in anything we were offering. Some teams managed to complete their assignment on the same day it was given, so I can only assume it was bad luck on our part. Regardless of our success, it provided good practice for our meeting with our client. Our meeting with our client was very successful, if shorter than expected. Our client ended up coming in much later than the other groups clients, and left before any of the others. My personal guess is that he had somewhere to be, and so was rushing. Despite the short time we had we were able to determine a few things to research for the client, as well as learning more about him. As it turns out, we will not have to do much explaining when it comes to cyber, as he worked in cyber for fifteen years in the Navy.