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**Academic and Reflective Writing**

This class on Cybersecurity as a Social Science has provided me with a new perspective on technology in my everyday life. Prior to this semester, computer security appeared to involve only passwords, tricky firewalls, and hiding behind the computer. However, this class has illustrated the importance of the human user in computer security. The class has provided me with an understanding of why humans are vulnerable to social manipulation and also why some victims of malicious activity are embarrassed or afraid to report such activity. I have also found that social attacks (e.g., trust exploitation and impersonation) pose more of a security threat than complex computer issues. Thus, human factors have been shown to be as relevant as computer security. I found it beneficial to explore these real-world social security issues.

Combining technology and society has provided me with an appreciation for the real world. I now understand that computer security is not solely a problem for robots or computers. Instead, it requires humans to be aware of social manipulation and to enable and protect one another from malicious activity in cyberspace. I have found this class to be beneficial to my internet usage. I have also found this class to provide me with an alternative opinion on creating a secure and enjoyable cyberspace for all users. Additionally, this class has enabled me to create a more effective plan for my future. These concepts can be applied to both my current life and my future professional endeavors.