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Reflection 1

In my first few weeks at my new internship, iSportsman ASciS, it has been a swell experience so far. I am a Systems Administator Intern, and I think that is a pretty cool title. In my first week the internship was pretty chill. Mainly consisted of me getting a tour of the building, training meetings, setting up my monitors, and helping with rearranging a part of the building. The company is rather small, there is only about 15 of us in the entire building. My team, information security, it is really only three of us: Jeromy, the Chief Information Security Officer, Julia, Software Engineering Team Lead, and me, the intern. There is another new guy but he has a full time position as a Geo-Spatial specialist. Although the trainings were pretty lengthy, they felt personalized because they are only teaching it to the other new guy and myself.

My second week is when things started to pick up. I was tasked with my first assignment; create a presentation explaining what snapshots are on an industry level and how they can help the company best in regards to backing up data. I wouldn't label this a hard task now, given that it was more like a pre-test for my internship. But when first getting assigned to it and starting it, I started to experience imposter syndrome. I couldnt believe that I obtained in internship in my field, and now I am doing something technical related that is supposed to help the company. Nonetheless, I wasnt given any other real guidelines for the presentation, which my supervisor had done on purpose. The company uses a software/ cloud platform that I was kind of unfamiliar with, Microsoft Azure. I had done extensive research on Azure and dove even further to learn

about snapshots, but there wasnt enough research I could've done that couldve made me feel

100% ready to present to my supervisor. It was safe to say that I was terrified.