

Reflection #3

The last 50 hours of my IT Security Analyst Intern role have been really helpful for my professional growth, mixing technical skills with important soft skills. As I keep going with my internship, I'm getting better at connecting security theories from class with real-world applications. This period has been especially good because I got to participate in an AWS event, work on documentation, and present to my supervisors.

During this time, I worked on creating CrowdStrike documentation, went to an AWS event, presented to my supervisors, and finished more IT training. Working on the CrowdStrike documentation helped me learn more about endpoint detection while improving my writing skills. This connected well with what I learned in my courses about threat hunting and incident response. Going to the AWS event taught me a lot about cloud security and how it's different from traditional security. Presenting my documentation to supervisors was pretty nerve-wracking but really useful since it helped me get better at explaining complicated security stuff to others, which is super important in this field. The extra IT training also helped me keep up with current security standards.

Besides the technical things, these experiences have made me more confident and better at communicating. Juggling the documentation work while getting ready for my presentation taught me how to handle different tasks at once. One challenge I faced was making the technical CrowdStrike terms easier to understand in my documentation. With help from my colleagues, I managed to create documents that were technically accurate but still easy to follow.

Overall, this part of my internship connects what I learn in school with what happens in the industry. Each document I complete, presentation I give, and training I finish builds both my technical knowledge and professional skills. Going forward, I want to learn more about cloud security and get even better at presenting. This experience keeps showing me that cybersecurity is what I'm passionate about, and I'm excited to use what I've learned in school and my future career.