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Reflection #1

I didn't know what to think when starting this internship. While listening to everyone introduce themselves, I learned that everyone was pretty much in the same direction as I was, in terms of experience. Throughout these first few weeks, I was able to learn more about what we would be doing. Hearing about how other people's experiences were like, who had previously taken the class allowed me to see if this was something that I was ready for.

On the second week of class, we did an in-person discussion board. During this, we were all expected to speak, unlike in a traditional class. Not only did this push me and other people out of their comfort zone and get everyone talking, but this also made it so that everyone could share their thoughts and insights.

Another part of the clinic that I enjoyed thus far was Dr. Baaki's design thinking sessions. At this point, we still hadn't really talked much to each other, so to start off the first session, he had us write our name and draw a picture that described ourselves. After hearing what everyone had put down to describe themselves, we then made our way to the back of the room and formed a semi-circle to start a game. As I got up there and tried it, I realized that I just had to listen to what my classmates were saying and build off that while trying to stay on topic. His other sessions were fun and engaging, especially since they were more cybersecurity-related.

Finishing off my third week, I'd say that I am now able to think about things more clearly. Instead of being in my head, I have learned to live in the moment and that my ideas matter. Being able to share what I think and not be judged has helped me be more confident in myself and my thoughts.