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I really wanted to start off by saying these past weeks were some of the most important ones to me. Being able to work with Norfolk Botanical Gardens and having them show us things that I don't believe any of the other groups experienced showed me, they cared about our experience as well. Being able to see their server room, how they handle day-to-day processes, and seeing behind the scenes of how an actual company runs things, showed me what it's like in the professional world.

Not only did this part of the final project help me, but also working with my teammates, Will and Diane, helped me improve my teamworking skills. From brainstorming ideas to coming up with the contents of the paper and presentation late at night sometimes, I believe we were able to grow closer as a team. I enjoyed having to present to the class during our dry runs; it helped us learn where we needed to improve and things that we were doing well.

In the end, though, these experiences showed me that there is a lot more to my degree than what we learn in class, and being able to connect concepts with real-world experiences like at NBG during our assessments helped me make those connections. I feel more confident and

comfortable in what I'm doing, and I'm almost positive I will take what I have learned in this class and be able to apply it to my future career and any projects I decide to do later in life.