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Reflection #2

After being in the clinic for a while, I'm finding it very easy to be able to do things that I normally wouldn't have until now. These last few weeks have been some of the best moments that allowed me to be able to break myself out of my shell even more. We finally received our teams for the company we will be working with for the rest of the semester, which was a good surprise.

I was really able to gain a better understanding of how my teammates sort of acted and got to know them better when we did our "Out on the Streets" for a Greg Tomcheck session. Having to go out and reach out to the local small businesses and connect with the community around me not only opened up my eyes to the many needs for what we are doing as far as cybersecurity, but it also showed me that many people, including small businesses, aren't really thinking about cybersecurity and how they should be protecting themselves digitally.

Many of the small businesses we went to weren't really thinking about the hypothetical, "well what if a hacker attacked my business?" The mindset was more, "I've been doing it

this way for x number of years, why change now?" This has sort of been an eye opener to me and shows that in the real-world people aren't just thinking about cybersecurity, but rather they are thinking about their day-to-day activities and making profit at the end of the day.

Going into the 10th week of the clinic, I feel like I'm able to sell myself professionally a bit better, and my communication skills have improved by just doing the little exercises with Greg. I can't wait to meet with my team's company more and learn more about them.