

Module 14 Journal Entry

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After watching the TED talk featuring Davin Teo, I started to think about how a career in digital forensics could be related to social science. For one, someone working in digital forensics has to have an understanding of human behavior and criminology to conduct effective investigations and see how individuals interact and behave in an online setting. In addition, digital forensic specialists need that knowledge of human behavior to help identify how criminals are manipulating or hiding data, or how they might be trying to cover up their tracks. Secondly, a large chunk of breaches and other cybercrimes rely on manipulation and social engineering to be successful, because of this digital forensic specialists need to understand the most common tactics used to take advantage of human behaviors in order to help prevent them in the future.

In the TED talk Davin talks about how he came to have a career in digital forensics. Initially he had been working as an accountant, but his company also needed help with IT networking tasks and having tinkered with computers in his free time he jumped at the opportunity to help out. After gaining some experience working in IT, Davin got another opportunity to move from IT into a newly formed digital forensics team, and again Davin jumped at the opportunity despite at the time there being no formal training available in the field. I think that Davin was in a unique position, where his knowledge of IT and opportunity seeking attitude allowed him to dive into a new emerging field at the ground level. Additionally his willingness to throw himself into a new field despite lacking experience and adopt new technologies and skill as he grew in his career allowed him to thrive.

