

Assignment 2: Reflective Entry

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Cyber Security internship at 99Aupairs was quite different from what I had initially imagined it to be. Although it was basically a start-up company focusing on introducing Nannies to families (in order to ensure no child is left alone), I had been under the impression that it already had someone in the company professionally equipped in the cyber security field and that I would be learning by working under him or her. But, the reality was quite different as the company didn't actually have much idea regarding the topic and only expected me to increase the staff's awareness regarding it, so as to ensure information doesn't get lost or accidentally deleted. Furthermore, their websites had been developed long ago, following out-dated principles, resulting in it being full of various types of vulnerabilities.

Initially all of these disappointed me, as it meant that I wouldn't be able to find the new technical skills and experience in Cyber security here, which had been my primary goal for the internship. But soon, I realised something. Although the company was facing lots of technical issues, these were all issues that I had faced and resolved before, during my course at Swinburne! Thus, I knew what to do and could start working on the problems with full confidence.

Furthermore, since I already had the required technical skills, I was also able to make time to attend different meetings in the organization. This not only allowed me to getting a good idea of their business policy (and how it affected the security implemented), but also helped me develop my soft skills and start working on my social anxiety, albeit one step at a time.

So, currently my expectations from this internship have changed. Instead of learning new, cutting-edge knowledge regarding cyber security, I am planning on utilizing this opportunity in developing my soft skills and focusing on how to better explain what I know, so that everyone can understand my thoughts and ideas. I believe that this will end up helping me more towards my future career in Cyber Security.