# CSE 300 – Week 05 Assignment Report

Name:

## Informational Interview Progress

During this semester you need to complete three informational interviews. Part of this week’s assignment is to report on your progress.

1. How many of the three informational interviews have you completed so far during this course?

None yet

1. If you have not completed three informational interviews yet, you should contact at least five people each week to try to arrange these. List the people you contacted this week for potential informational interviews:

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|  | Person | Company |
| 1 | Jaren Lamprecht | ElizaChat |
| 2 | Will Ferebee | ConnectWise |
| 3 | Curtis Fowler | Capital One |
| 4 | James Doyle | divStrong |
| 5 | Michael Hegner | Currently Freelance, but previously Standard Beagle Studio |

## STAR Model Reporting

Report on three skills you found that are required for jobs in your area. For each one, fill out each part of the tables below:

### Skill #1

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| Describe the Skill | Leadership |
| Situation | When I was a specialty sales team lead at Target, our store was tasked with resetting the beauty section overnight. |
| Task | My task in the overnights was to schedule, plan, and execute the reset with the team that I had chosen for the work. |
| Action | I asked around to see who would be willing to work overnight for a week, pretied and printed out the planograms so that everyone would know what need to be set and where, scheduled everyone’s times on the system, and consulted with the PML to make sure that the alarm company knew that we wouldn’t be arming the building on those nights. |
| Result | We finished the reset a week early and were commended by the district lead. |

### Skill #2

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| Describe the Skill | Collaboration |
| Situation | In my web frontend class, we were told that we needed to form a group to create a web application that would use an API and local storage to pull and store information for a user in some way, and we chose to do a macro tracking app. |
| Task | I was tasked with wireframing, finding the API we would use, and helping to code the backend code and dynamic elements of the web page. |
| Action | I made sure to communicate with my group to ensure that the wireframes would fit what the vision of the project was, that the API would suit the needs of the user for viewing data about foods, tell them when the backend and live version of the server were up, and help when they had trouble figuring out how to have the dynamic rendering work. |
| Result | We ended up getting a 100% on the project. |

### Skill #3

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| Describe the Skill | Drive to learn more |
| Situation | When I worked at Target, we were told that we had to get our back room accuracy metrics up because they were the lowest metric at the store. |
| Task | My task was to find a way to track what was causing the metric to be falling in the first place to figure out how to fix the issue. |
| Action | I learned about our metric tracking software called greenfield, and how to pull metric data to create a custom card that allowed us to see where each error was happening, what type of error it was, what the items in question were, and who had caused the error in the system. |
| Result | As a result of my card, we were able to talk to the team members who were causing the issues in the system, and our metric went from 95% accuracy to 99%. |

## Report on Practice Interviews

For this assignment, you were asked to have a practice interview with three people (such as a friend or family member) to practice your general interviewing skills.

Fill out the following table to report on the practice interviews you conducted.

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|  | **Date** | **Interviewer Name** | **Your relationship to the interviewer (friend, family, etc.)** | **Length of interview (minutes)** |
| Interview #1 | 5/21/25 | Marcia Hillary | Grandmother | 15 |
| Interview #2 | 5/22/25 | Lindsay D’Orlando | Mother | 18 |
| Interview #3 | 5/22/25 | Bryan Ramos | Boss | 30 |

## Reflection Questions:

1. What was the most important insight you gained from this assignment?

I need to make sure I have good posture, limit my use of filler words, and talk about multiple strengths.

2. What was the most difficult question you were given in one of your practice interviews? Why do you think this was difficult for you?

Tell me about yourself seems like the most difficult question to me because I feel like I just list positives about myself that don’t really mean anything.

3. What are three things that you can improve on in your general interviewing skills?

My word choice, my examples of my strengths, and my posture.