**Career Choice and Artifact Update**

1. Have you changed your career plans? If so, what prompted this change? If not, why have you remained with your original plan?

I have not changed my career plans lately. I have always planned to pursue a career in cybersecurity. The other two options that I have considered are information technology and database roles. I have remained with this plan as I enjoy problem solving and challenging myself. An additional influence is that my mother works in the cybersecurity field, and I always find it engaging watching her overcome challenges and solve issues.

1. How has your thinking about your career evolved?

When I originally enrolled in a computer science program, I did not know what I wanted to do. I just knew that I enjoyed working with computers as a hobby. My first career ideas were either IT or software. While working through my degree, I realized that I gravitated towards cybersecurity or database more than the other career’s available with my degree.

1. Have you completed any research about your choice of career? How has this impacted your thinking? Have you thought about seeking an advanced degree or certification after earning your undergraduate degree?

I have looked into the requirements that are needed to work in the security, IT, and database fields. I plan to work towards CompTIA certifications to help me achieve an entry level job. I am planning on achieving my A+, networking, and security certifications after graduation. I currently work as an accountant as it has been difficult for me to start my computer career while finishing college. After I work in the field for a few years, if I enjoy my work, I plan on returning to school for my master’s degree. Once I receive my masters degree I will try to get a federal job working for the NSA, FAA, or IRS.

1. Which course outcomes have you achieved so far, and which ones remain?

I have submitted my first artifact (Enhancement) and will finish it soon by implementing the professor’s feedback. I am currently working on my second artifact (Algorithms and Data structures). I have not yet started my third Artifact (Database).

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| Checkpoint | Software Design and engineering | Algorithms and Data Structures | Databases |
| Name of Artifact Used | 12hr & 24hr Clock | Tasks & Appointments | Tasks & Appointments |
| Status of initial Enhancement | Done | In progress | Incomplete |
| Submission Status | Entered | In Progress | Incomplete |
| Status of Final Enhancement | Incomplete | Incomplete | Incomplete |
| Uploaded to ePortfolio | Incomplete | Incomplete | Incomplete |
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