



Week 1 – Career Development

Journal entries

All-student prompts

All students should reflect on and respond to the following prompt(s):

Prompt 1: *Describe your orientation of the workplace and include the following: when did it occur, who did you meet with, and what are three key things you learned during the orientation?*

Our orientation, essentially the whole week, was filled with lots of listening. The first day I was fairly nervous. I had no idea what to expect walking into this huge tower with random people. To my surprise and future enjoyment the cohort was small, and we were introduced to the company and tower as a whole. I was also worried about not being “technical” or “techy” enough, but most people were not. But, to keep this brief I will just share a couple highlights from each day.

Day one was seeing the tower. We got a comprehensive tour of the tower, and its best amenities like snacks and drinks or even games. We met with GWS, but also staff from the people or learning departments. I also got to meet with my mentor, which was a bit nerve wracking at first, but I quickly found he was very welcoming, kind, and cool.

Day two was very similar, but we had more video watching to learn about different programs, or about professional development like building our brands. This day was slightly more boring, but was elevated by the constant snack breaks.

Day three was a lot of talking, or yapping as I like to say. I was kind of forced to talk to people, which was kind of scary, but rewarding at the end and forced me to expand my skills and network. I also met with my mentor, and I discovered that we actually had a lot of the same interests and hobbies. He also explained what Red Hat does, and how they make money, which was really informative.

Day four was remote, and not as exciting. Sitting in a chair all day was pretty boring, but I guess it exposed us to the super popular remote side of Red Hat.

Day five was more interactive sessions, and a good close to the week. Overall, I learned three key things:

1. Be prepared to talk a lot, even if it is uncomfortable sometimes
2. The people around aren't as scary as they seem
3. Everyone is here to help, meet you, and have fun

Prompt 2: *Define the purpose of the business/organization – what they do, structure, who are their customers, etc. What is your job description – what will you be doing, who will you work with, where do you fit in, etc.?*



Red Hat, is a software/platform company that sells services related to opensource products. Their customers are mostly corporations, and they provide custom services and consulting to help those companies. I will just be a sponge and learn all about the company, and a bunch of different jobs, and build my network, knowledge, and skills.

Additional Wake County prompts

Students completing the internship program for Wake County schools must also complete the following prompts IN ADDITION to the 'All-student prompts'

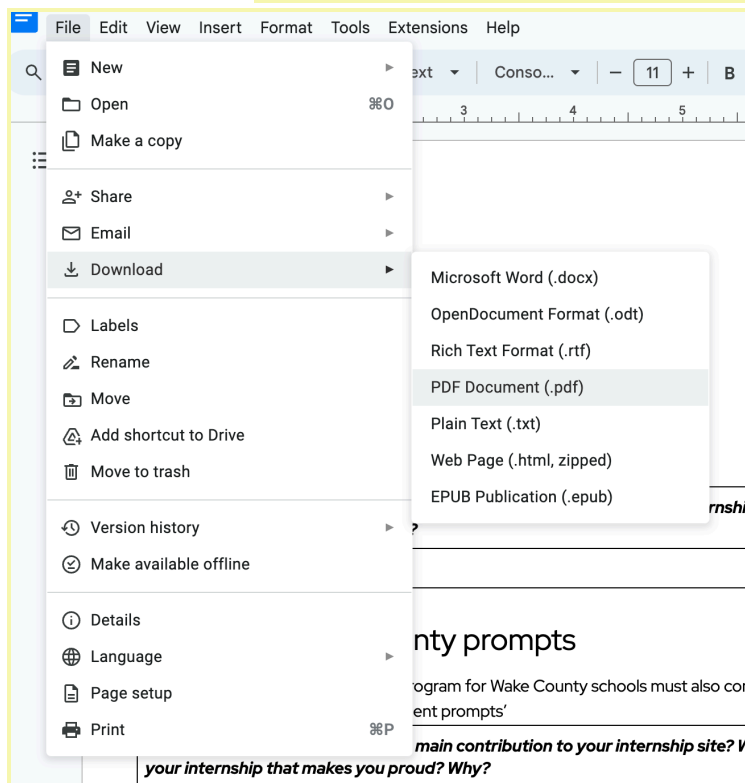
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2. Now that you have a PDF of this week's reflections saved locally to your laptop, you should contribute the PDF to your personal GitHub dropbox area in [our shared repo](#).