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**Prompt:** What are some of the differences you've noticed between a school environment and a professional work environment?

One major difference I've noticed in just these three days is that I don't feel the pressure to do work just for the sake of getting grades. Being here feels like a complete shift from school, where I'm used to being constantly managed and under pressure. I've also realized that at school, I rarely get the chance to actually absorb what I'm learning—it's more about rushing through it. But here, I feel present, engaged, and able to take everything in without stress.

**Prompt:** What is a topic that you found interesting this week? How do you plan to seek additional information and learn more about that topic?

Seeing varying perspectives from every Red Hat employee during interactions has been very interesting. But among all the sessions so far, the topic that stood out the most to me was the concept of the Product Trio and the overall flow of how that collaboration works. I found it fascinating how cross-functional alignment between product management, design, and engineering can drive more informed decisions and faster iteration. It highlighted the importance of early collaboration and continuous communication in product development.

To learn more, I plan to dive deeper into other resources as well as (hopefully) explore Red Hat documentation or case studies that illustrate how the Product Trio model is applied in real projects. I'm also hoping to connect with other Red Hat members who work closely within this structure to get firsthand insights into what makes it successful at Red Hat.

**Prompt:** How is the internship meeting or not meeting your expectations/objectives and why? Do you have control of this? Explain.

This internship is definitely meeting my expectations, as I am learning plenty and really gaining good real-world experience. I've been able to apply concepts I've learned in the classroom to actual projects, which has helped solidify my understanding and build new skills. I also appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with professionals in the field, which is giving me valuable insight into the workplace environment and expectations.

I do feel that I have some control over my experience here. By being proactive—asking questions, seeking feedback, and expressing interest in new tasks—I've been able to shape my role and take on responsibilities that align with my goals. Of course, there are some things outside of my control, such as the structure of the program or the types of projects available, but overall, I've found that staying engaged and showing initiative has helped make this internship a meaningful and productive experience.

**Prompt:** If you could give advice to a student starting this internship next year, what would it be?

I would tell them to have fun and be free. Don't feel shy and make all the connections with everyone!

