CV Submission Reflection (Using STAR Technique)

S – Situation:

As a third-year ICT: Applications Development student, I recently applied for a software development internship that aligned with my skills and career goals. The application required a professional CV, which would be the first impression I made on the potential employer.

T – Task:

My task was to submit a well-structured and tailored CV that clearly communicated my academic background, technical skills, and enthusiasm for software development. I needed to ensure that it met industry standards and demonstrated my readiness to transition into the workplace.

A – Action:

Before submitting, I carefully reviewed the internship posting to understand what the employer was looking for. I tailored my CV by emphasizing relevant programming skills (like Java, JavaScript, React, and Firebase), group project experience, and my personal attributes, such as teamwork, problem-solving, and a passion for tech innovation. I double-checked formatting, grammar, and structure to ensure clarity and professionalism. I also asked a mentor and career advisor to review my CV and incorporated their feedback. After finalizing it, I submitted the CV with a customized cover letter, expressing my genuine interest in the position.

R – Result:

Submitting my CV was a meaningful step in my career journey. It gave me confidence in presenting myself professionally and made me more aware of the importance of aligning my skills with the requirements of each opportunity. Although I was initially nervous, I felt proud of what I submitted. Whether or not I get the internship, the experience taught me how to market myself effectively and prepare for future applications with greater confidence.

Evidence: