Reflection on feedback

In the process of writing a draft for the synopsis of my exam paper, I found it very difficult to decide on a subject for the paper, as there are many different subjects in Software Studies that seem relevant, but I do not have enough knowledge about every single subject, and this made it difficult.

Therefore, I decided to think of something myself, and writing a draft of a synopsis has really helped in exploring the subject I have chosen. The subject I choose (social media security) proved to be very comprehensive, as there are many layers to it, and even though I found the writing of the draft helpful, I believe that I will have to narrow my subject down, when writing my exam paper, and look at how relevant the subject is in regards to Software Studies, and subjects from this course.

These issues were also part of some of the feedback I got from my study group, as they also stated that the subject would maybe become too wide-ranging, and that I should maybe choose a specific direction within the subject. The feedback from my peers was very helpful to me, as they also confirmed the fact that my subject is extremely relevant, as problems with social media security often is on the agenda these days, for example in relation to Facebook.

In spite of confirmation from my peers, I am still not completely certain that the subject I have chosen is relevant in relation to Software Studies. I can see the connection, but in writing the draft for my synopsis, I had a hard time relating the chosen subject to texts I have read during the class of Software Studies. I find that many of the “overall themes” from the different weeks seem relevant, but not many the chosen texts from each lecture seem useful to me. Luckily, I found multiple interesting and relevant articles online by searching and I hope that I will be able to find more texts that are useful to me in writing my exam paper.

All in all I found that the draft of the synopsis was useful and helpful in deciding what subject I should choose for my exam paper, but I have not learned more about how the exam paper is going to be written, and if my subject is relevant enough in relation to the course of Software Studies.