“Learn About a Career” Reflection

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The assessments on Next Steps Idaho helped me feel even more confident in the career path I’ve chosen. I would complete the highlighted sentences from the result with the Always Important Values as follows. “The core value that is more important to me is Balance. I work best when I’m in an environment that is Flexible. I enjoy working where Open Communication is supported. My favorite type of work activity involves Varied tasks.” Having been the Operations Manager for a data company, I saw the culture of the data practitioners, and it aligned with my values.

The Interest Profiler results also made sense with Conventional, Artistic, and Realistic. Working with data, you have to be practical, structured, and organized, but you also often have to be creative to solve data issues. The top three jobs that were suggested for me were Biochemists and Biophysicists, Physicists, and Mathematicians. I think biochemistry is fascinating, and I do want to learn more about things like heredity and the electrical energy of living organisms, but only as a hobby. My interests lie in working with data, doing tasks that others do not enjoy. I like working on the small details, fixing errors, and problem-solving. After working in many industries, I have decided to be a Data Engineer, specializing in data migrations.