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The most harmful type of downloading is being stuck in past routines, or not recognizing what you see. In the field of technology, the worst thing is to be set in your ways and not open to change. The tech field is one of the fastest moving fields in any industry. My professors have to constantly update their syllabus each semester due to this factor. This was also one of the deciding factors in why I chose technology. I want to be in a growing field. I imagine addressing this by always keeping an open mind and making sure that I personally am open to new things. While routines are helpful, getting stuck in a habitual cycle is not an option for this career choice. If you don’t recognize that things are moving fast in the tech field, then you need to find a new field.

Information is another type of downloading that impacts my field, which is decoupled thinking and talking. In the world of cybersecurity, knowledge is power. When running offensive attacks most of the time it is to access information. The issue with this form of downloading is that while certain information should be made public, not all information falls under this category. Before I was employed by my company, I had to sign multiple Non-Disclosure Agreements. I would never break this agreement, because my company works directly with different three letter agencies. I would ensure that only the proper information got out by not discussing confidential information with anyone, and I expect the same from everyone I work with.

Decoupling perception and action could become an issue in my field. If someone sees another employee doing sketchy stuff, it’s their job to report it. People also need to be aware about how their actions can come across to others. This can be solved by having an anonymous tip line or form that employees can fill out. That is what my company does.

Another type of downloading that pertains with my field is decoupling talking and action. Most people who enter this field have a genuine interest or passion for it, so this one may be one of the rarest. I feel as though this type of downloading is the easiest one to avoid, because if you don’t do your job then you will be fired. From my experience in the professional world, this one does not come up very often.