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The research site I am planning to study is Hack@UCF, our resident Collegiate Cyber Defense Club. This is an organization that hosts informative/skill-acquiring General Body Meetings, Operations Meetings, workshops, a yearly Cyber Defense Competition, and sometimes attends hacking conventions around the country. I believe it is a good fit for this project because ENC 1102 demands such dedicated time and involvement, that it bears a perfect reason to pursue this intent I had, anyway. In other words, ENC 1102 gives me a responsibility to this idea that I believe I need to get where I want to be.

There are several things that are interesting to me about this site: the overarching one is that, in my minimal investigation, I think it may be my best fit subfield of my degree. Another one is the opportunity to continue and delve deeper into the broad subject of my ENC 1101 Major Assignment 3 paper (side note, I'd love to be reminded of the title of the assignment). While I try not to have too high of expectations, what would be useful about this research site in a perfect world would be building connections, and a consistent role or belonging within the organization. Finally, what I would like to learn by studying it is the most basic of terminology, skills, and understanding of the field that I currently have so unrefined.

My access to this research site comes in various forms: I have a close friend who is connected to other members of the club, and has previously tried to connect and encourage me the same. I have acquaintanceship with some of these individuals, and one reason for that being I was very briefly involved in the Operations team and meetings. These both directly tie into how I would conduct interviews. To be frank, I actually directly reached out to the President of the organization on Discord, where we have shared a short chat history, asking for his permission to conduct research on the organization. In my mind, I am really just trying to bring to his awareness that I would like to do this and become involved again, but naturally, I am also gauging if there is any reason why I would not be able to pursue this research site.

All that said, I will make observations and conduct surveys through General Body Meetings, at a minimum. As of writing this, it just occurred to me: I had been on Hack@UCF's

“PR Team,” and the nature of this team might actually tie in really well with the nature of a research project. PR is all about observing, surveying, documenting. Before I get off topic, I’ll leave you with one last thought: I did feel a bit of a disconnect to the Operations team as a collective because I felt like PR was the least “security”-oriented subteam.

Moving on swiftly, collecting text from the site will be very similar: General Body Meetings have slideshow presentations; Hack@UCF also has their very own website, social media presence (Instagram, Discord, KnightConnect), etc.

On a final note, here is their website as the assignment requests: <https://hackucf.org/>