Thomson-Reuters Critique

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I really enjoyed the presentation by Dan Bennett from Thomson-Reuters (and like he said, I remembered his name). I was curious at the beginning if the Reuters part of the name was the same Reuters that delivered me interesting stories, and by the end I learned that in fact it was, even though that wasn’t a large part of Thomson-Reuters’ income. I learned that Westlaw is the figurehead software for the legal division of the company, with about 30,000 users online at once. I really enjoyed the slides that talked about the inner workings of the company and all the different jobs involved in keeping things running smoothly.

The resume sections of these talks are always good to listen to. The piece from Dan’s presentation that I appreciated was the breakdown of applicants where it ended up being that only about 4% of the people who applied actually got a job offer. Dan emphasized tech experience more than anything else, which I needed to hear because I don’t have much tech experience, and hearing that from a company representative kicked me into finding something to do or make with my limited programming experience. For example, I dislike website design, but now I’m looking into making one just so I can show it to a potential employer.