I went to a meet up at General Assembly in Chicago. This was a SQL bootcamp which I have paid for. The class was very informative and through a classroom setting I was able to solidify my skill in SQL.

I talked to couple people in the class and most of them are heading towards a field in data analytics, but my talk with the instructor was the most helpful.

The instructor’s name is Richard Shieh and he works for Walgreen’s analytics department. It was a very informative conversation where he told me how he changed his career to analytics. Before he was doing consulting at a firm in New York. When an opportunity came up in Chicago for a web analytics position, he was able to secure the position via a friend, even though he didn’t have much experience in the field.

He also told me about his applications to Google and Netflix’s analytics department, but he wasn’t able to secure the position because he didn’t have a big data background. He told me that I was on the right path, and keep on talking to people and learn.