SWOT report

Introduction

My goals are, first to finish my degree with the option I have applied to (in security) and then to find a good position in an infrastructure or security-related field for my final internship next year. I think I have narrowed my area of interest in the IT industry enough for now.

The analysis

Strengths

- Well educated master degree additional Big Data certification.
- Hardworking because of prep school.
- More job experience because of my part-time web job.
- Proficient English (already doing meetings in English), knowledge in Japanese and German.
- Quick leaner.
- White man coming from a privileged social environment.

Weaknesses

- Can be disorganized, difficulties to focus on one project at a time when having too many projects.
- Not a very good teacher, would like to improve.
- Often late (don't like time tables).

Opportunities

- Tips and advice from relatives working in major tech companies
- IT Industry is growing and field I'm interested in are booming (cloud based infrastructures or security).
- Opportunities on the internet : for example GitHub Students, all the offers for students to access pro tools and services for free.

Threats

- Coronavirus (Cancelled my internship in Japan and a meet up with an AWS engineer)
- Very competitive industry for good job positions
- The best tech companies are in the USA and it's really difficult to compete against candidates without having the right to work in the US.
- Not coming from the best engineering schools.
 Coming from an unknown school.

Further analysis and response to the diagram are made in conclusion.

Conclusion

I think the best for me would be to continue to contact people working in the fields I'm interested in to get advice and opportunities. It was very interesting in the past when I had to make a decision between opportunities: for example when I had to choose to go for a double diploma with Georgia Tech or to stay in Toulouse for a specialized in security master. Or when I had to choose the school after my prep school.

Moreover, since last year I decided to go for the things I was really passionate about instead of doing the most notorious stuff for my CV, and I'm going to stick to it now. In response to the threats I'm facing (high competition and not the best school CV) I'm currently learning a lot of technical stuff on my own and I want to continue further to compete with my real knowledge against those candidates. It's just going to more difficult to get the best opportunities.