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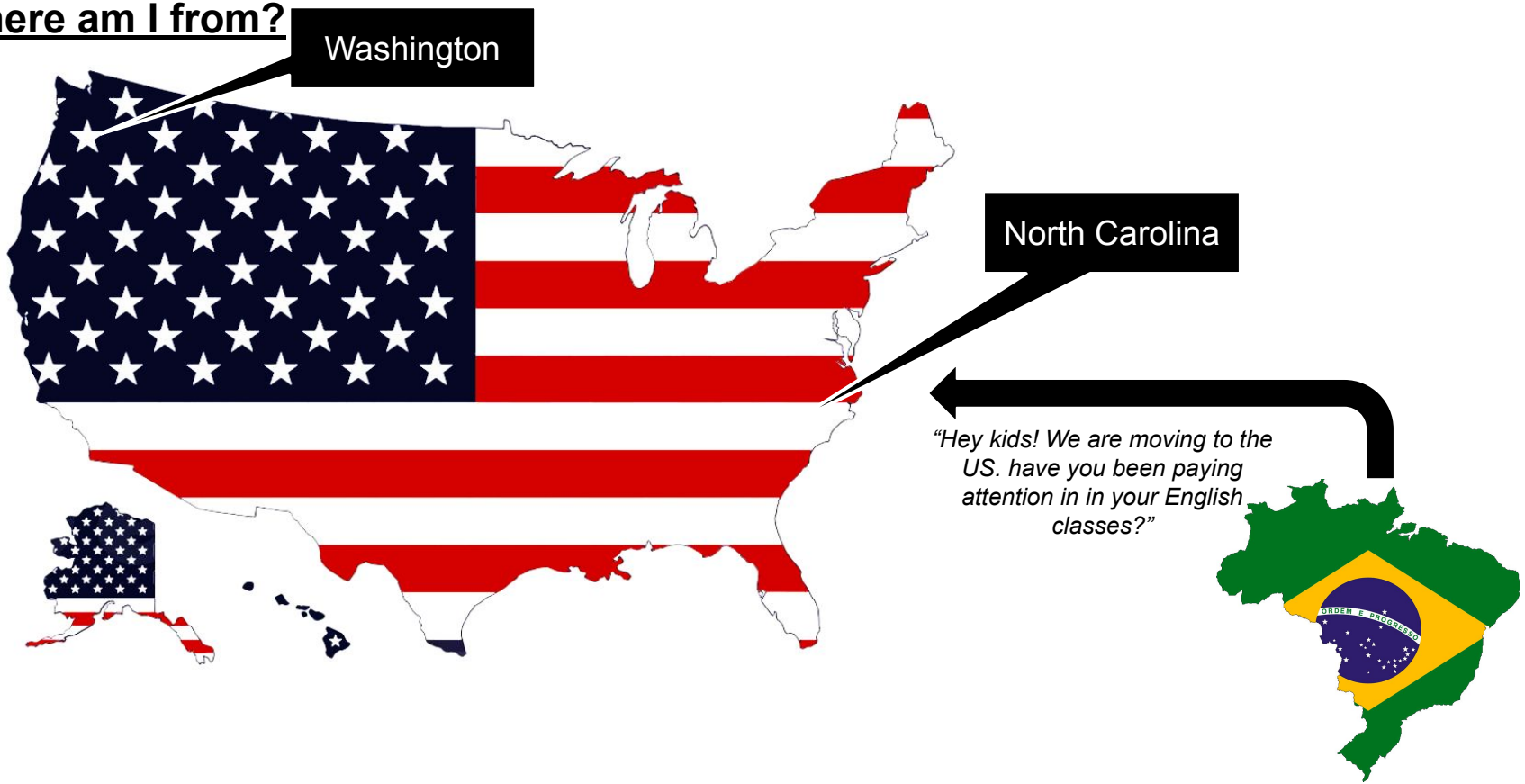

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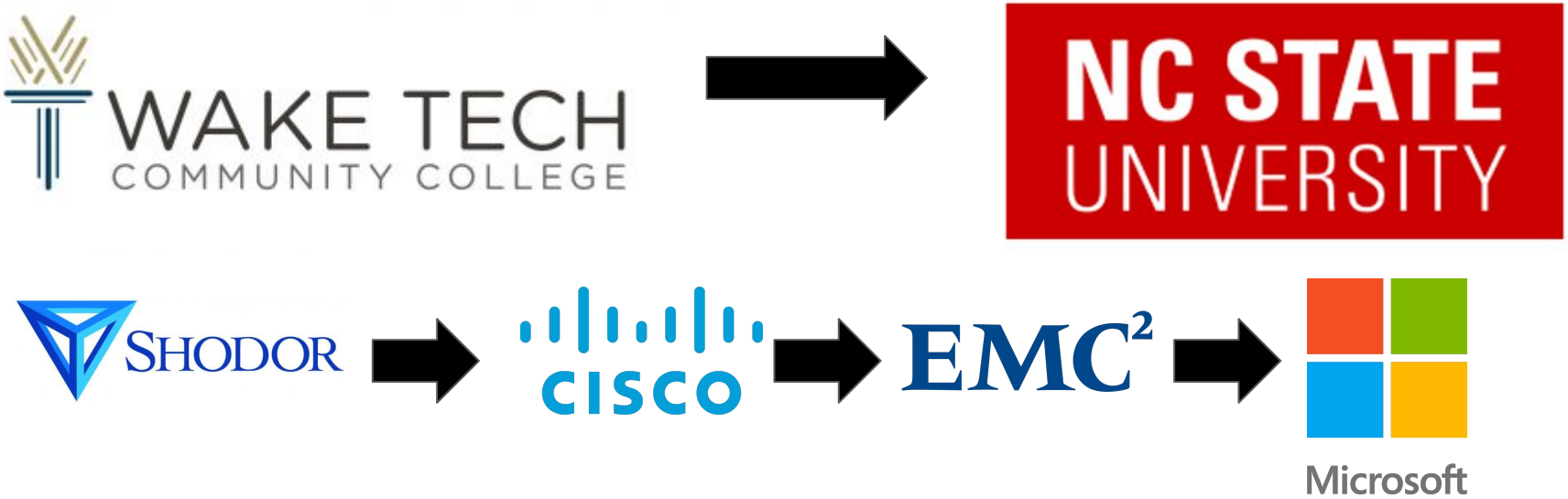

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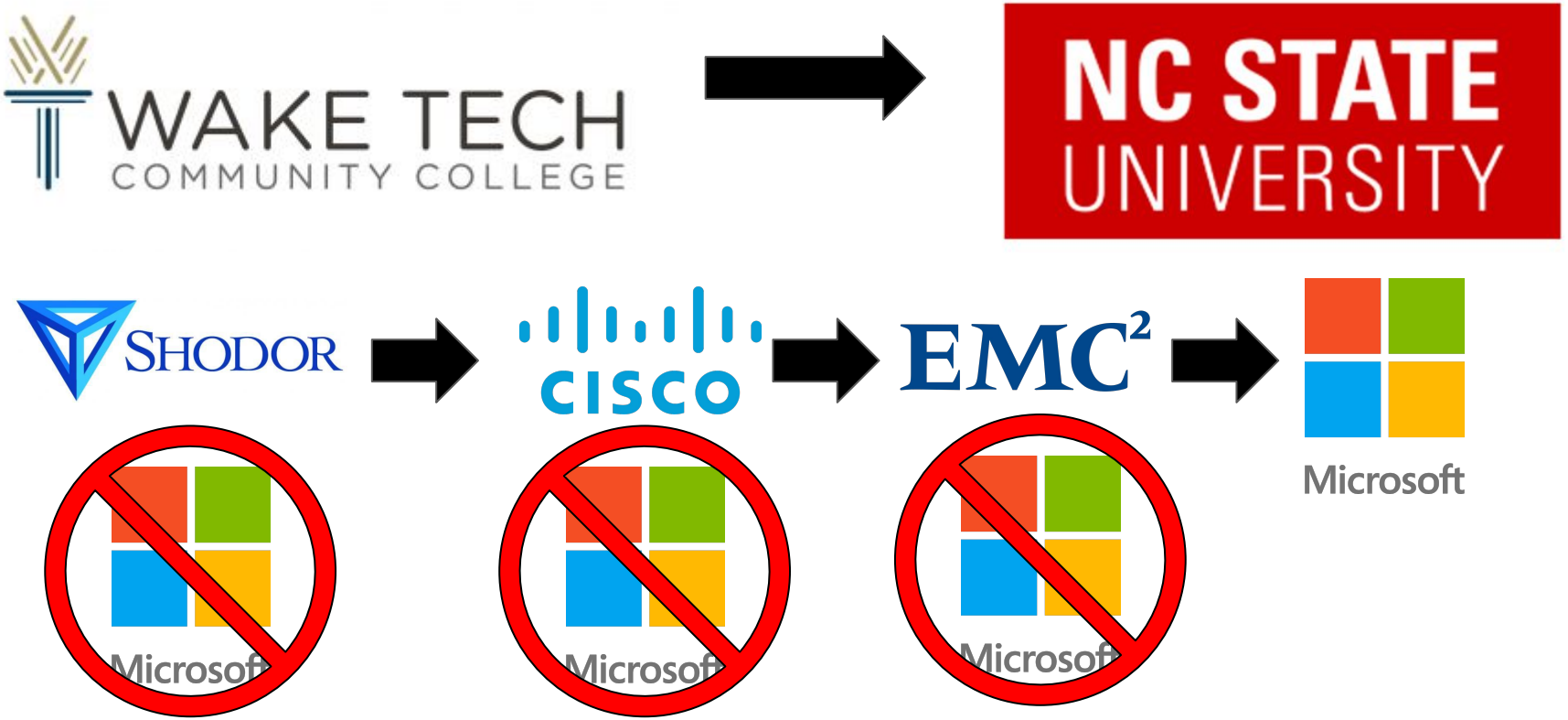

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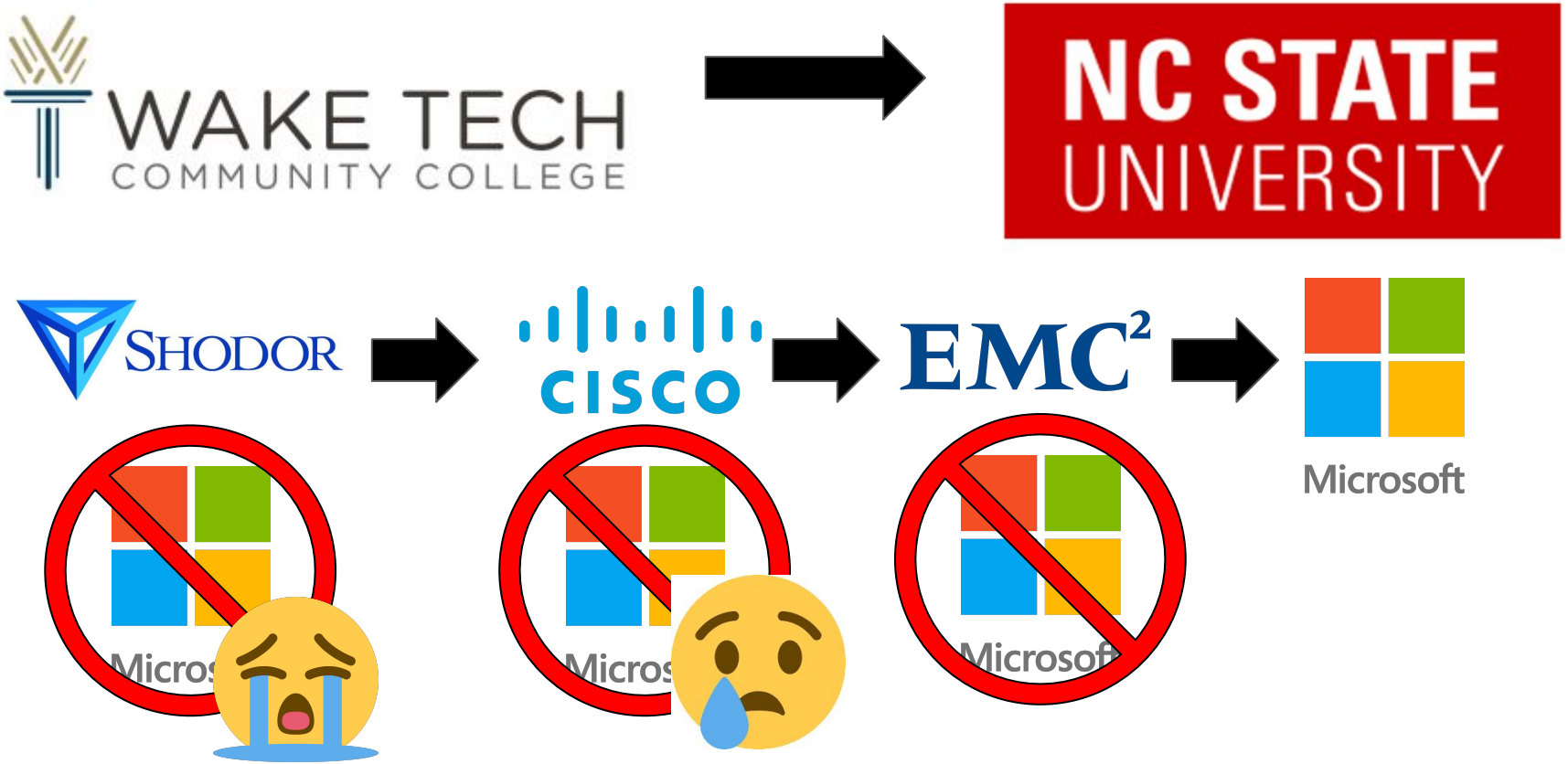

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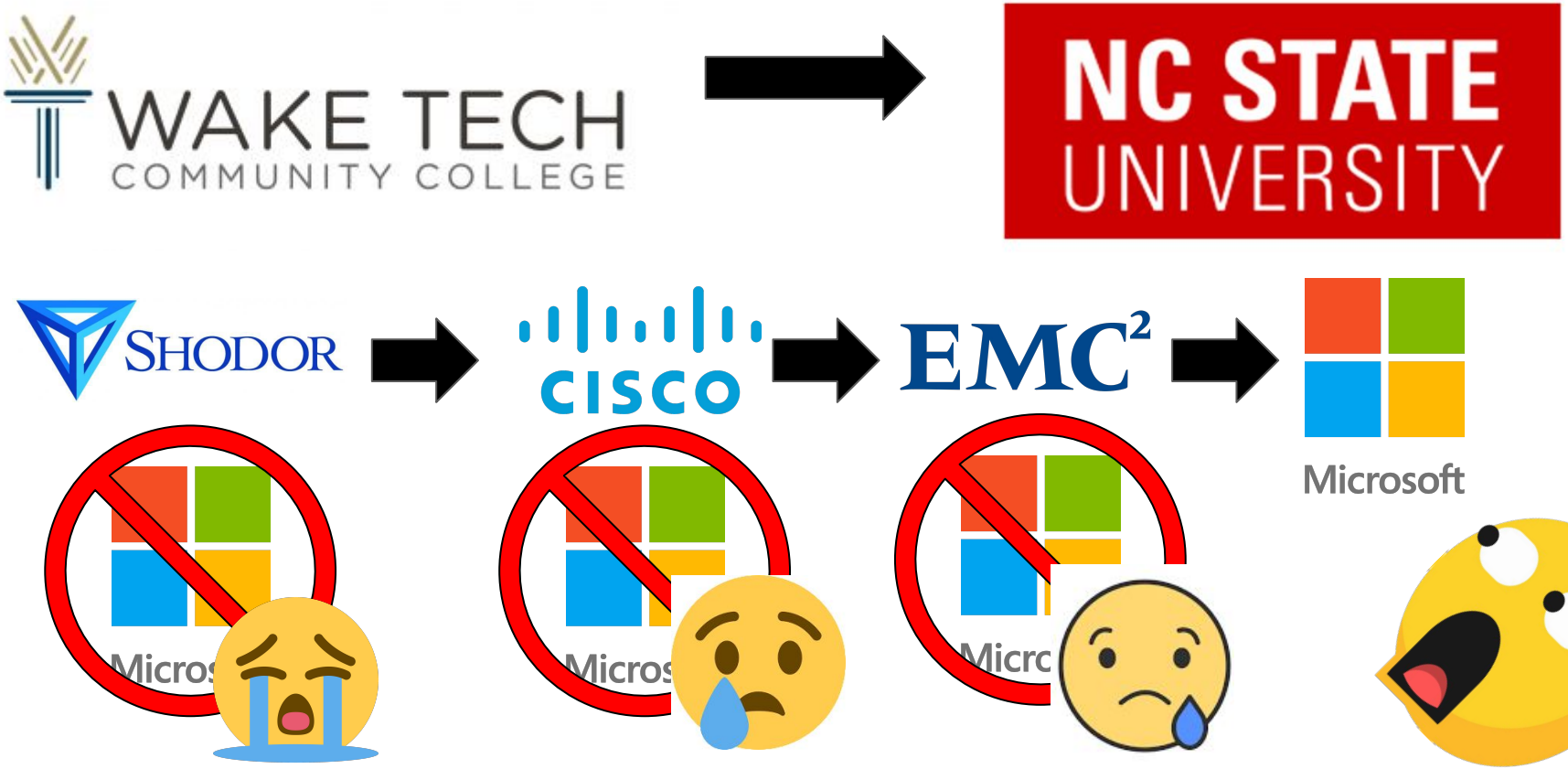

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What did I learn? From Community/4-year College

WAKE TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Challenges:
- My family didn't have money to pay for a 4 year college
- As an immigrant, I did really bad in the SATs....
  - Math scores were okay
  - English scores were shit

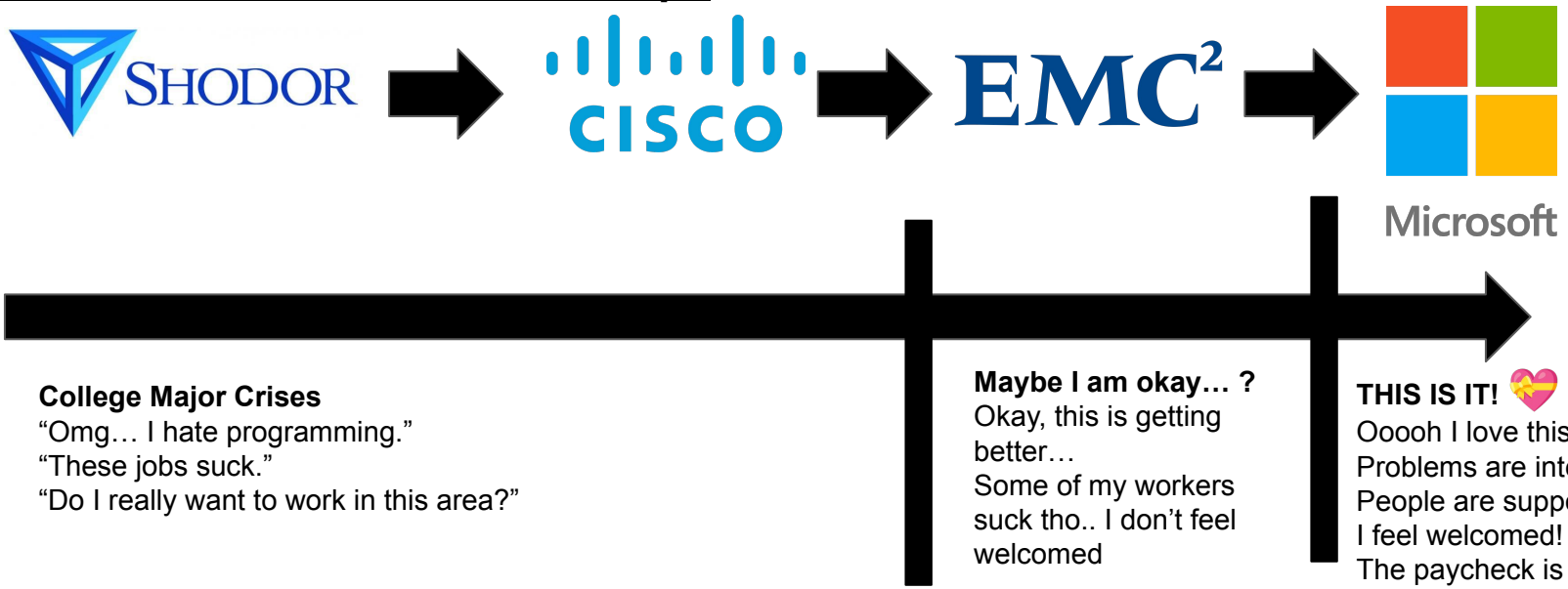
Learned:
- My peers in community college were really focused on getting internships.
- My peers in the 4 year college were mostly focused on partying as much as they could. Most of them did not have any internship experience by the time they graduated. I already had an offer from Microsoft.

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

Challenges:
100 level engineering classes were super hard
- I failed calculus once
- I almost failed intro the engineering

Learned:
that they made those classes harder on purpose to weed out students who thought they would like engineering vs the onces you had the drive to persevere through those classes.
The next engineering classes were much easier. Some were still pretty hard tho

What did I learn? From internships



Advice to College Students

1. Do as many internships as you can
   - Internships while taking classes are hard (possible tho)
   - Do use your summers for internships.

2. Talk to people about their roles
   - Professors (some may have worked in the industry)
   - Professionals in the area/company you want to work on

3. Take the advice that makes sense to you
   - Disregard what doesn’t make sense

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Questions?

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