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1. My weakness with social engineering is that I go in without a plan and wing a little too much to be convincing. I might pause for a considerable amount of time if I’m caught off guard which could tick people off that I’m trying to do something that could be underhanded.
2. I think quickly on my feet which allows me to talk my way through situations. I speak confidently and act as if I know what I’m doing, so that helps offset my winging. If I could have some sort of plan and then create a plan B or wing a solution if something goes astray, it would improve my social engineering skills.
3. I learned how to create and put a plan in motion. Most times I don’t do things or I wing it completely without some sort of game plan. I wasn’t surprised at my abilities because I know what I am capable of, but I was surprised at how willing my friend was in giving up his information so easily.
4. If I were to run the experiment again, I would have some pre-thought out questions if I pose the test as an interview. It would help add legitimacy and keeps things moving smoothly. I’m not sure how much it would change results because my friend gave up a lot of information quickly and easily without me having to press for it. If I had pre-made questions, maybe he wouldn’t have questioned so much about what I was asking/the type of questions.
5. A good defense against social engineering would be to educate yourself on the practices of social engineering so you know what is happening when it is happening. I believe this can be done without losing compassion in society, but if one were to see what happens when people social engineer for some underhanded tactic, or to commit a crime I can see why someone would lose compassion.

Video recording link on YouTube (privately listed): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QbrK9IPqik>