**ITP 125 - Lab 8**

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**Questions**

1. One of my weaknesses is that I consciously know that my intent is malicious and sometimes my confidence while I am asking questions come accross weak and I appear a little nervous. Social engineering requires you to be confident so that the victim does not realize that you are doing something incorrect. I can improve these points by separating in my head what is right from wrong. I need to get more comfortable asking these questions and it will not be obvious that I have other intentions.
2. My strength is that I am able to ask the right questions to build up to the information that I want. I am good at not going straight for the information that I want. Instead, I do a good job of asking other unrelated questions and then slyly moving to the questions that disclose the person’s information so that the victim cannot tell what specific pieces of information I may have just taken from them.
3. My targets were very willing at giving the information but I was not surprised because the information I was asking for is very common stuff that you would ask a college student. As long as you word your questions carefully so that you don’t sound creepy, a majority of college students would be ok with giving this information.
4. If I were to run this experiment again I would ask students that did not know who I was. I feel like the people I asked were ok giving me their information because they knew who I was. However, if I ask people who have absolutely no idea who I am then they might find it strange that I’m asking them what their phone number is and this would make them more suspicious of what I’m doing, making it more difficult for me to get their information.
5. A good defense is that if people are willing to give up certain pieces of information so carelessly then that is an issue that individuals in society need to work on and realize themselves. The issue is not that people are using social engineering, but more the issue lies in how careless we are in giving up our personal and private information. We need to be educated on what social engineering and know how to protect our data by asking better questions to challenge the potential attacker. We should always verify who is asking us for our data and research ways to protect or data.