## Mentor Visit Assessment 1

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**Location:** Starbucks

**Date:** January 22, 2020

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Assessment:**

This week in ISM, I had my first mentor visit of this year and it was a great learning experience. The information that I went over with my mentor mainly covered the basics of looking at how the cloud aspect of computing is connected to the networking aspect of communicating data and information. My mentor told me to focus more on networking for now because I need to go over those basics in order to get a proper understanding of cloud computing. I showed my mentor the Original Work that I made for this year, because he was in San Antonio when I had finished my project, and he gave me great feedback over what to look more into and focus on.

At the end of the first part of our discussion, we concluded that my Original Work was good, but went too far into complexity. Although the product I created for my Original Work was valid, there was a lot of necessary basic information that I accidentally skipped over in the process. My mentor told me to try and focus on recouping this previous information to gain a stronger understanding of how the cloud works and is connected. As we continued discussing, my mentor tried to explain in more depth of what was going on in and behind the design I created for my Original Work. He also gave me a few tips on how to get a better comprehension of what is going on behind the process. Towards the end of the discussion, he gave me a few websites and labs that I could research over the next few months to build that proper foundation before I go into the actual computing.

Another thing we talked about during my visit was my Final Product for the end of this school year. He gave me a few ideas that I could probably start utilizing from next week, and he showed me something cool that I could create for my final product. Using the AWS tools, my mentor created a website from scratch that still has to be developed. He gave me the idea to research more into the topic, and eventually create a website from scratch using AWS like he did. I thought this was a good idea, and I also thought I could see what is behind the website he created and probably expand that one first, and then later on go into creating a website of my own.

Overall, my mentor visit this week was very helpful, and was basically like a new beginning. I have to start over because I went too far into depth without noticing the first time, during my Original Work. Although it is not necessarily a bad thing that I went ahead, it would be better if I went back to the basics and restarted. For the next nine weeks and the remainder of

the course, I look forward to doing just that and getting myself back into the right pace from the start.