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Internship Reflection #2

This internship has taught me a lot about working with businesses. When working with Valor and understanding the framework of valor to propose surveys to businesses around the local area of Virginia Beach, I felt enthralled, but at the same time inspired to help others and make them more aware of their cybersecurity. My group helped with salons, barbers, a music shop and a recreational shop as well. It was interesting how each business took cybersecurity in their own way; we had some owners not have any precautions within their digital security for their business and we have owners who are run by bigger conglomerates who give standardized procedures on keeping their infrastructure safe. I wish there was a general education system where people were educated on cybersecurity when it comes to making their business and own organizations to be safer from threat actors.

Once we finished up with the businesses around Virginia Beach, the next week my group worked on making the posters for our specific assigned business. We kept it simple but also symbolic to match the owner's aesthetic and purpose within their website. Meeting our business partners was very enlightening, receiving full contextual understanding of their position within their website and knowing who they are helped us understand what they needed. He wants to create something revolutionary, but to do so he needs better security and better coding infrastructure and different language model to improve upon it. Still long way to go to see what more we can do for our business partner, but my team and I are up for the challenge.