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The First 50 Hours

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During my first 50 hours, the onboarding process felt familiar. Having previously served in the US Navy, I noticed many similarities in how the onboarding was conducted. I was shown around the building, introduced to my desk and work area, met my coworkers, and was briefed on the systems we would be using.

One of the learning objectives during these 50 hours was to gain knowledge, especially about the unfamiliar systems I would now be working with. I had a basic understanding of Linux before starting this position, but I was able to significantly expand my knowledge, learning many more commands and their functions. For instance, I learned how to use commands like `grep` for searching through files and `chmod` to change file permissions, which are crucial for managing system security.

A challenge I encountered was retaining all the information I was given. Since these systems were new to me, I initially struggled to remember everything I had just been taught. Although I took notes, I often found them unclear when I revisited them. To overcome this, I requested additional training and asked for simpler explanations. By the end of my 50 hours, I felt more confident and was able to perform a few tasks with less guidance, such as configuring network settings and troubleshooting basic system errors. In conclusion, the first 50 hours were eye-opening, filled with learning opportunities, overcoming obstacles, and re-adjusting to the workforce.