# First Workplace Visit

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Getting to know the workplace that you will work in the future will greatly enhance your future experiences. Therefore it is necessary to be able to get a first look in order to get a head start over your coworkers when starting to work in the environment.

This past week I had the opportunity to visit the Raytheon workplace. In doing so, I have gotten a general feel for how my future work environment will be. Additionally, this visit has allowed me to grow my connection network as I have met so many more new people.

Since this was my first workplace visit, there were some challenges to overcome as expected. My primary challenge was not really knowing what to expect. During the workplace visit, my mentor gave me a brief tour of the unclassified building. We then started to talk to other software developers. During this time, I was expected to ask any questions I had. However, not knowing this I was not very prepared. Despite this challenge, the software developer mentioned unfamiliar concepts and so I was able to expand my question base to address these unfamiliar topics while increasing knowledge base.

Reflecting for the future, it has been extremely beneficial in experiencing some of the experiences of a software development workplace this past week. Through these experiences, I feel like I have come closer to becoming a full fledged software developer. This serves to be very helpful when looking at my future through the eyes of a developer as I will have become very acquainted with the way software development teams work. Looking ahead, events such as these are the ones that advance my career knowledge within the ISM program.

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