

An Accelerated Start

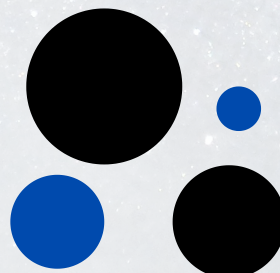
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Learning and growing are the two most important aspects of career development. It is important to take advantage of past experiences to better shape future experiences and give yourself an accelerated start.

This past week I had the chance to initiate my ISM journey through an accelerated start by looking for potential mentors and researching. In doing so, I am weeks ahead of other students which will in turn allow me to have spend more time producing a more refined product.

During the process, there were some difficult hurdles to overcome and questions to answer. However, the answers were found with ease by being retrospective and learning from last year's experiences. For example, natural language processing is still a relatively new topic and therefore it is hard to find many natural language processing engineers within the industry. That is why I decided it would be best to reach out to existing contacts that have jobs in artificial intelligence to gain an initial foundation in natural language processing. However, beyond just repeating the same process from last year, I had a desire to enhance my experience by performing more efficiently. That's why during my research process this past week, the article I researched was all-inclusive, meaning it covered start to end of every technology available to use in natural language processing as well the math or architecture behind many of these technologies. This proved beneficial because it allows me to go from theory to development within one week.

Reflecting for the future, I believe it is the small enhancements and being able to grow from prior experiences that make the second time around much smoother. However, beyond the ISM program, it is because I have gained these traits of rapid growth that will make me a valuable candidate for any endeavor I pursue.



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