What's Next?

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With the end of any big project, it is necessary to look forward and ask yourself what's next. The world holds so many possibilities and so it's important to capitalize this and go toward better things.

This past week I had the chance to reflect on this whole journey and the steps I can take in order to come out a better and stronger person. In doing so, I have a better grasp for the future and have been able to answer "what's next?"

This journey has been, to say the least, expansive. There have been several relams that even the most comprehensive computer scientist students have not covered such as general career info or basic professionalism. Taking this into account, it was difficult to synthesize what all I wanted to do going forward. That said, I took it step by step in order to achieve what I have achieved as of right now. Starting from the basics, I leveraged one of my connections, Professor Won Hwa Kim at UT Arlington, I had gained through interviews. I knew I wanted to do something more complex than anything I could do independently. I sought out a virtual research position for the summer and eventually Professor Kim got back to me and let me know that we would be able to work on something through the summer. Using the research skills I gained through ISM, we decided I could work on Generative Adversarial Networks, a new but interesting and complex field. It was because of the culmination of the skills that I have gained through ISM that I am happy to say that my next journey in my career is to be working as a Research Assistant at UT Arlington.

Reflecting for the future, I have learned so much and there is still so much to be learned. It is because of wonderful journeys such as ISM that I am able to grow and persevere. As I continue on with my career, I look forward to continue this stream of growth with both sucesses and failures.

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