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This week has been one full of gaining more information and getting a more realistic insight of what the year holds. Completing the research assessment, creating a website and beginning the journey of finding a mentor were a few successes this week.

While working on the research assessment, it was difficult to find a trustworthy source. The databases had articles on management consulting, but on more specific topics than would have helped in the research process. Eventually, after reading through many websites and articles which were not as trustworthy, sources on management consulting were found. The sources were peer-reviewed and credible books. Although the books were online, in the future, going to a library would save time.

Another challenge this week was finding possible mentors. Many management consulting firms only post their “higher-up” employees on their websites. LinkedIn was a great tool, but unfortunately, if one does not have a lot of people in their network, LinkedIn will not allow them to access the name or information of the possible mentor they are searching for.

Even with these challenges, the research assessment was very successful. The assignment required a larger time commitment than others, but was very engaging which made it fun to complete. After researching management consulting, one learned much more about specific titles, duties, salaries and career outlook. A more specific type of management consulting is in strategy which can be done in conjunction with other types of management consulting. Some management consultants are experienced in retail, strategy, social role and productivity. Management consulting is a growing industry, making those who wish to be a management consultant more comfortable in their pursuit. Management consulting is basically professional problem solving and is a career one who enjoys working with others and does not mind research should consider.

Next week, finding more possible mentors is a goal. Also, learning more about other types of management consultants and the differences in their duties.