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I have been able to reflect and learn in this class so far, both from the book and my classmates. It's always fascinating learning from those around you. I enjoyed the takeaway from the generational assignment that we had, especially when it came to sharing in our Learning Circle and reading what the book explains. I have also enjoyed being able to learn about others experiences and opinions in our group discussion boards. We have a lot to learn from each other. I found some of the work law/boundaries that we hold to be new and interesting.

I am frequently teaching my mom how to use technology. I shared with her about a month ago how to find her name that is linked with finding her so she can send/receive money. She shared with me around the same time why she asked me how to find that information. Someone we know personally has been messaging her on Facebook and asked her for her information so she could pay her. My mom being hesitate and questioning why she was randomly paying her did not give her the information, thankfully. Turns out she was hacked, and it was not actually this person that we know messaging my mom. The scary part is they ended up sending my mom a photo of this person's driver's license to show how "real" they were to persuade my mom into giving this account her information. This person tried to contact Facebook and the local police department because her driver's license somehow is now floating around being shared with potentially more than my mom and she was told they could do nothing about it. Another story that I recently learned about from co-workers is one that I have never heard before. A co-workers daughter was running errands when her dad received a call that was supposedly his daughter cry for help (he said he heard her asking for help on the phone) because she was in an accident and that this person called for her and then the person goes on to explain that he was actually not the police but someone who took her and put her in the back of his car and that if he wanted his daughter back then he would need to wire money to him. The father got off the phone and called dispatcher and someone notifies the daughter that she needed to call her dad immediately to let him know she was okay and that it was a scam. She believes that it was a recording that was stolen from when she was in an accident before, or someone just used a voice mimicking technology device to sound like her. For reference, the number was 513-880-5969. I think that these close to home experiences teach us to watch out for our surroundings and continuously check on our loved ones. Being about to read and learn about it in class has really shed some light on the issue at hand here and how common it is, along with how scary.

In today's time, most things are done over technology now. From personal experience, with majority of this being done over technology now, that makes it harder to leave your job in the evening or put your work away. It's easy to pick your phone up and just work for 10 more minutes. Learning how to set boundaries for yourself and how to manage a work/life balance, especially with technology now is important. When it comes to telecommuting, I find that there are far more benefits than problems to solve. That comes from a place of personal experience too. I think that being able to have that option in most/all companies can help in the benefit of the company. I find the challenges being what I stated before that it is occasionally difficult to clock out of work when you work from home. I personally enjoy being able to work from home and have the option to go into the office when/if I can. It also allows slightly more flexibility with my schedule and being a mom. It has been great to see what others share in the sense of how the boundaries of technology can be blurred for each one of us.

I share with my husband what we learn and are going over and often it can be what is happening in our day to day lives. Which can certainly make things interesting when actually "bringing the textbooks to life."

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