Internship Experience

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PPO : Achieved

It was an 8-week internship. However, I started my internship late and got only 7 weeks. I was assigned a manager, mentor and an onboarding buddy. My mentor and onboarding buddy were the same person and he was a Frontend Engineer 3.

My internship project was divided into sub-tasks. I was able to complete most of the tasks on time. Difficulty level of each task was higher than that of the previous one. There was a "mid-term evaluation" happened at the end of fourth week and a "final evaluation" happened in last week. We have to write a self-review doc during evaluation. Also, we have to do a 1:1 meeting weekly or biweekly with manager and mentor. They also have an onboarding plan and multiple events and seminars for all interns which they can do parallelly. You will get plenty of internal resources.

Conclusion:

- My internship was quite challenging. I got a chance to learn and work on very different and new technologies.

- It won't be wrong if I call it a 7-week interview. My typical day consisted of starting work at 10am and ending my work hours around 7pm (breaks, lunches and meetings included). Sometimes I had to research about new technologies which compelled me to work till 11pm.

- People at Amazon are very helpful, you can contact anyone for help without a doubt. I got a chance to show my project to a PE (Principal Engineer) as well. In Amazon they value their leadership principles and find those qualities in the intern as well.

Opinion:

As I mentioned earlier, it was a 2-month interview for me. Just like an interview, they won't judge you based on whether you completed your tasks or not. Rather, they look your problem-solving skills, handling pressure situations, learnings, curiosity, how clean you write code and docs. They will never see your dress code, appearance, your English etc.

Dos and Don'ts:

- Never say negative lines. E.g. "*I can't do this*", "*Please change my project*" etc. Instead say "*I will try my best to do this*" or "*This project is challenging, I will have to read a lot, will definitely do that. It would be fun.*"

- Always respect your work. Your presentation even for a very small task must look like an iPhone launch event. (Because you can do this easily but not your neighbour uncle :p)

- Try to participate in every team meets (casual and formal).

- Try to talk with other team members as well (Don't bother them). Keep a knowledge of what happening in your team, what technologies are they using etc. Be curios.

- Express how bad you want a PPO but never tell. "NEVER ASK FOR PPO".

If you are able to dedicate this summer for the internship, level-up yourself and upgrade, PPO is yours.