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[00:00:00] Hi, I'm Victor Garcia, a computer engineering student at UCSB, and I'm doing my interview for the future Course Tech Launchpad Summer Internship. My first question is what skills and experiences AM are hoping to take away from this program and how do they align with my career goals for my career goals? I would like to work in the tech industry, specifically movies and TV, where I'll be creating the software for computer graphics or working on robotics for the sets and the characters. All that stuff interests me so much, and I think it's such an exciting field of technology. And this program will help me achieve that goal because it would give me experience. It would give me experience from working in teams, which is vital for that career. And also sounds like such a fun opportunity for me being able to create websites and programs that help people and innovate with people like me, people that grew up like me that are in the same situation as me, I think is such a great way to grow and become this competitive force in the tech industry. All of maybe. And I'm also so excited to meet with my mentors on this work, someone who's been in this industry way longer than I have and gave me advice on how to pursue it. This program will excel me far beyond being solely school alone, and I'm so excited to be a part of this. Moving on to Question two. How can websites applications promote activism or support community or cause Websites are extremely good at this. I think it's one of the fastest way to fastest ways to spread awareness for a cause or to garner a support community. Twitter does this really well. I think it's the first place I actually will become aware of all these different topics, like the MeToo movement, Black Lives Matter, all these different causes. You know, they become so big on this online platform that it's really hard for no more users to ignore. And I think it's such a powerful way to get your message across. Having thousands of users share their experience, a different perspective on equal ground as these big companies and these famous people, I think is such a great way to even the playing field for anyone. I also think YouTube is a really great community for activism, as all these great creators become aware of all these different issues. They have such a huge online community that they gathered over the years that they're able to use that community for good. It's it's a fun and unique way to be active in the world where users and creators and normal people, companies, they're all in this collective action to make the world a better place. And it's all made easy because of these different platforms and their accessibility to everyone. On to Problem three, which asked during the program You will learn many concepts in the fast paced environment, work through groups, work through problems and projects. And if I'm unsure of a concept or run into a bug, how am I go about asking for help? Well, the first thing that I do when I run into a bug on my own projects, I try a different way. I try to see what I did wrong. And if I can't figure that out by myself and I Google what I think is wrong and I try to see other people who had similar problems and what worked for them and I try it out on my own and if I'm still having trouble, I go my teammates, my friends, my peers and explain to them what's going wrong with my program and how they would go about finding a solution or fixing the problem, asking them whether they encounter that popup for or solve that problem before. Usually that's enough to figure out a concept or bug. I'm definitely not afraid to ask questions or ask for help. I before especially working in teams, I think it's such a great resource having other people working on the

same project working because their mind is already working towards that goal and they have the same sort of problems in mind. And I also think it's such an interesting way to see what other people can come up with and other solutions that are out there. Until the last question in the program in terms are paired with the industry mentor from my partner company. This mentor is a software engineer with years of experience in the field with three questions you would ask your mentor and why. This is a fun one. So one is gone through all the lows and highs of making it into the tech industry. And that's for me, someone who's at the beginning of their career with a serving goal in mind, but not exactly, but not sure how to get there. The tech industry is a really new and confusing place, and I think the first question I'll ask my mentor is how they do it. How do they become this person of such high standard for these huge companies go to you and ask you for help? What what got them there? Was it university? Was it projects? Was it internships? And so interested to know their path and how they how they made it that way I could I can map out the specific points in life and the different choices they had to make that got them to the place I want to be in my life. I could sort of pick those choices in mind when I have to confront those different choices where they be deciding to go. Deciding to get a master's or choosing which job to take, which courses to take at school for the specific career I want. My second question for my mentor is what would they advise me to do in my situation? As I said before, I went to work in the movie or television industry, but I'm a computer engineer. It's not the greatest match. And I want to ask how would I make myself become a person of such skill that this industry would ask for me whether you'd be learning specific software or taking courses that we think will correlate well. I'm excited to see what their advice for me moving forward would be. My final question for my mentor would be What? Do I completely step away from for They've been in the tech industry for years and the ones I really got burnt, discouraged or made to feel worse from. I want to know any red flags in this industry. So in total, my first question to my mentor is how do they get there? When they do choices they made choices, they made ideas. They had question to advice for me. What should I pursue? How should I pursue it? And question three What should I stay away from? Which I watch out? And what should I Which should I never do? I probably have a thousand more questions that I'll ask my mentor. But for now, these three, I think, are enough. Thank you again for listening to my interview and let me answer these questions and ponder these ideas. I'm really excited about this opportunity and I'm really looking forward to putting these ideas and answers to practice. Thank you very much.