

# Introduction

Hello! My name is Edwin Tang. In this document I will explain my connection to IGN, why I am excited to apply to the Code Foo program and why I think you should pick me.

Growing up as an avid gamer, I have frequently been exposed to IGN's ratings, reviews and video content. I have fond memories of the content that IGN has released and the Youtube channel is still my go-to for game trailers.

On a more personal note, I have a close friend who is currently working at IGN and another who was previously part of the IGN engineering team. I have heard great things about the work, work environment and the people from both of them. In particular, my friend who moved to another company has told me that IGN's front-end codebase is of very high quality. I also noticed how quickly my other friend developed his skills over the past year while working with the IGN team. These observations have really stood out to me and as someone who is aspiring to be a front-end developer, it would be great to learn from IGN's talented engineers and get a similar growth experience.

I have around one year of experience as a back-end Java developer at Signifyd on a team called Deal Team Six. We worked on small targeted projects all around the code base and I was exposed to a lot of different technologies. However, I found I did not enjoy anything nearly as much as I did working on my React Native side projects. I have always been interested in visually creative work, art and animation and web development really aligns with these interests. I'm currently attempting to transition to a front-end, or full-stack, role and Code Foo would be the perfect chance to work directly with some very talented web developers.

I think that I would be a great choice for this internship because I already have some experience as a professional software engineer and would be able to jump right into any projects or tasks given to me. I've also done some start-up and personal work with React Native, so I have some foundational knowledge of JavaScript and React. There is a lot I want to learn and if given the chance, I would love to make the most out of this internship opportunity!

I really enjoyed working on the Poll Widget project and learned a lot about React, GraphQL and all the technologies I used while putting it together. I appreciate you taking the time to check out my application and look forward to speaking and maybe working with you soon! Thanks!