

Project Proposal

Problem

Currently, there is not an easy way for students to connect with other students that have previously held the co-op position they have accepted or are considering accepting. The description of a co-op position from the perspective of the student can be a deciding factor for accepting or rejecting a co-op, especially if a student is unable to interview with the company in-person, as it can be difficult to sense the culture of a team or company over video calls. The difficulty for students to ask former co-op students about their experience in a particular role makes the co-op search process additionally challenging.

Target Users

Our target users are Northeastern students, specifically those who are searching for a co-op, those who have accepted a co-op, or those who have completed a co-op.

Solution

Our solution is to build a website that allows students to rate their previous co-ops and to view the ratings of other co-op positions. The main screens that we would include in our interface are as follows:

Rating Form

The student will be able to rate different components of their co-op experience on a scale from 1-5, as well as give an overall rating. Adding comments is optional, as well as opting-in to be potentially contacted by future co-op students. The student will only be able to rate a co-op that they have completed. Their name and contact information will not be displayed with their rating.

Database View

Students would see a list of the co-op positions and would be able to search and filter through the list based on different attributes, such as job title, company, location, or co-op rating. Students would be able to click on a specific co-op position to learn more about what previous co-op students have to say about their experience.

Individual Co-op Rating View

Each co-op position will have an individual page with additional basic information about the position. Students will be able to see the overall rating and ratings of specific aspects of the position, such as working hours and team culture. The page will also have a list of the individual ratings former co-ops have given the position with any comments they provided in their rating, and if they opted-in to being contacted to further discuss their experience, there would be an option for students to send them an email.

Comparison View

This would allow students to easily compare two positions by looking at the ratings of the different categories side-by-side. This would be especially helpful for students who have received offers from multiple companies and are deciding on which offer to accept.