**What I want to say**

Student run organization at the university of Washington that just completed its first year

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* Introduce and describe husky adapt, say why the work is important (back it up with examples, i.e. pictures)
* Clearly the work is this important, we want to make the **program sustainable. What does that mean?**
  + Store all the documentation from last years design projects in one central location, purpose of this is to allow others to explore, download and iterate upon our work
  + Organize the program for next year, facilitate the creation of the design challenges for the upcoming school year
* I keep mentioning design projects but haven’t gone too in depth on what that looks like… introduce design project with need expert Erin Ciliv
  + A need expert is a community member who provides invaluable insight on a particular disability
  + Work performed by team Cajun, how their steps in the design process gave me a fantastic place to start from (looked at their iterations)
  + Created my first prototype and showed it to Erin, had a few clear problems and based off her feedback I was able to iterate to my final design
    - Enables Erin to brush her teeth with just one hand, and turn the toothbrush on and off with ease
  + Introduced another problem I hadn’t even thought of, has difficulty putting toothbrush back on its charger, currently designing a holder that would make that process easier
    - Shows the value need experts bring to the table
  + Also showcases the kind of relationships Husky ADAPT allows you to build and I will always be grateful for that
* (Just like how I was able to pick up where another team left off, we want to provide others with that same opportunity) The design projects from last year had much larger scopes as they were taken on by teams of engineering students and occurred over multiple quarters, even more important to preserve their work
  + Final product went from quick blurbs about a lot of the teams to summary of design challenge linked to full team pages
  + Showcase features (selected information to be posted, made sure it was meaningful not overwhelming) mission statement, accomplishments, next steps,
  + Accessibility features, for ease of use had multiple ways to access the same link or page, inputted alternative text so screen reader programs would allow all users to access the site
  + This prepares Husky ADAPT for the future by creating a database for teams to upload their documentation in an optimized format. This is important because we want Husky ADAPT to continue to expand and for other universities to adopt similar design programs
* Now that all the information from last was properly stored and uploaded, my next focus was to facilitate the creation of the design challenges for the upcoming school year. During this process I wanted to make sure I was leaving a trail of paperwork for students to use in the future
  + To accomplish this, we created a central repository of the contact information of all our need experts and community members, these are the people we reach out to assess a need and create a design project around it
  + I modified the su

This summer I worked as an REU for HuskyADAPT. HuskyADAPT is a program at the University of Washington that works to foster an inclusive, sustainable and multidisciplinary community supporting accessible design. They do this by engaging our local community and exposing engineering students to design projects in which they face accessibility challenges. My project focused on how to make this work as sustainable as possible and had three main aims.

My first aim was to create an intuitive and reachable online platform to enable anyone to explore, download and iterate upon our design projects. I achieved this by creating a website showcasing all past and ongoing projects ensuring others may learn from and continue our work.

My second aim was to facilitate the creation of the design challenges for the upcoming school year. I accomplished this by modifying the survey we send to need experts, prepared an interview document and am creating one-page summaries of each design challenge. I took these steps to ensure I obtain meaningful information to relay to student design teams next year.

My final aim was to further a design project of my choosing. I decided to work with Dr. Caspi on “kitting” the inexpensive switch project to make it more accessible to the public.

The website workflow is now more intuitive and organized making the information accessible and ensuring the sustainability of accessible design.