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This summer was filled with learning and fun. Intuit provided me with the opportunity to learn a lot while engaging with the company. In addition to being a part of a that was high achieving they were very helpful in helping me achieve my goals in learning new technology. Not only did I learn very valuable skills that will help me throughout my full-time career but also groomed me in preparing for a software engineer role in corporate setting. Not only did I feel welcome by the company and they teach me the necessary tools and put me in the position to succeed but also Intuit helped me by giving me the opportunity to with opportunity that I had not had before. Furthermore, looking back at certain themes covered in CSE 197 weekly assignments, I can relate further to some of the themes. In addition to helping me learn a lot about the corporate software development cycle as well as new technologies, Intuit helped me set clear goals as to what I want to achieve in professional as well as academic life.

To elaborate further, this summer I learned a lot of technologies. Prior to my internship, I did not have any experience working on quality assurance. Therefore, I approached the project I was presented with intimidation and doubt. But my team was very understanding and put me in a position to succeed. Not only did they give me the necessary training to understand the quality assurance process but also was available to answer any questions I had. They were quick to get me involved in their sprint planning and helped me quickly get in sync with Intuit coding practices. Furthermore, I was able to learn a new programming language, Ruby, and also learn about the fundamentals of a test plan, implement it with a project manager as well change it to adapt to the needs of the project and be productive and great company.

In addition to learning a lot of new technologies and honing my skills as a software engineer, I was able to reflect on some themes presented in CSE 197 because of my internship at Intuit. In particular, week 6 theme of networking struck me the most. One of the goals I had established for myself throughout the Internet this summer was the need to network. I made a great effort to meet new members of the intuit community including fellow software engineers and manager to get their perspectives on certain matters. In addition, week 9 theme of understanding the societal impact of my work was important to me since I was able to see the importance of having an impact in the society especially through the intuits community outreach programs.

After my internship and gaining a variety of very insight into the software development cycle I have made clearer and more achievable career goals that I believe would help me steer my future career plans. Whether I was talking to my manager or an executive of the company I had planned to meet through my one on one coffee breaks, I gained valuable insight into engineer. This helped me set goals that would help me reach my ultimate goal of being a productive and impactful software engineer. Therefore, not only for the very useful technology I learned this summer, but also helping me set up valuable goals, I value my internship at Intuit.