MY GIP EXPERIENCE
Engineering in Berlin

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Major: Electrical Engineering
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Internship Title: Software Intern
Internship Company: Yukka Lab

What were your primary responsibilities as an intern?

As an intern at YukkaLab in Berlin, my primary responsibilities centered around software development. I was tasked with designing, coding, and testing software solutions aligned with the company's goals. This included collaborating with cross-functional teams to gather requirements, participating in agile development processes, and contributing to code reviews and improvements.

What was your biggest accomplishment at your internship?

My most significant accomplishment during my internship was successfully leading the development of a critical software module that significantly improved the efficiency of a core product. At first my module would be just a stand alone product that will get soft launched, however after seeing my finished product my company decided it would be in it's best interest to adopt my module into their main cockpit.

What skills did you learn during your internship that you believe will transfer to future career opportunities?

The skills I learned during my internship that I believe will transfer to future career opportunities are numerous. Firstly, I enhanced my technical competencies significantly, gaining proficiency in programming languages, tools, and frameworks essential to the fintech industry. Moreover, I improved my communication and interpersonal skills through daily interactions with my diverse team, reinforcing the importance of effective communication in a professional setting.

What surprised you about the work culture in your host city/country?

What surprised me about the work culture in Berlin, Germany, was the balance between professionalism and a relaxed, collaborative atmosphere. Despite the often meticulous nature of software development, the work culture emphasized open communication, flexibility, and a strong sense of team spirit.

What was the most memorable aspect of your internship experience?

The most memorable aspect of my internship experience was the sense of impact I had on the company's success. Working in a startup allowed me to witness firsthand how my contributions directly influenced the company's trajectory.

The second picture is the view outside my dorm
The third picture is my visit to the Olympic stadium

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