



Twitter

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Please give a brief description of your duties.	What value do you feel you added to the organization during your internship?	Did this internship meet your expectations? Why or why not?
<p>I worked at Twitter as a Software Engineering Intern in the BlobStore project, an in-house blob storage solution. I was assigned an internship project, as well as regular tickets. The first involved me creating a prototype for a large architecture change, and the second were shorter, ramp up tasks that got submitted directly into production. The project involved moving the entire metadata storage from remote storage into a local, MySQL database, running on each of the BlobStore servers.</p>	<p>While my code changes aren't visible by the average twitter user (unless those changes broke the service, in which case EVERYONE would notice), they still felt significant. I was given the responsibility to submit changes that improved the ever growing demands of Twitter. This is the value I feel I added to the company.</p>	<p>On the most part, it did. I was able to learn a bunch of new tools, I was given the opportunity to understand new systems, and I directly contributed to the code base of a service used by hundreds of millions of people. The ramp up time was longer than I hoped, but everyone was very helpful and encouraging</p>



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Would you recommend this internship to another student? Why or why not?	If you could change one thing about your internship experience, what would it be and why?	Please provide any additional information regarding your internship that you feel students should know.
<p>I would. An internship at twitter strikes the right balance of company size and size of user base. Your work will be impactful and important here. The work environment is also amazing, and the overall atmosphere was great.</p>	<p>I would make for a better onboarding experience. I feel like I got a whole week of classes that were not entirely relevant to my role. The week could have been much better spent ramping up in my particular team, which had a lot of quirks that took a while to learn.</p>	<p>They have a surprising number of offices all over the place. If you want to work from a different office from their HQ in San Francisco, let them know!</p>