Coursera | www.coursera.org

- Alex Lenail (Computer Science, 2016)
- Software Engineer
- Full-time, 50 hours per week
- Paid

**What do you do as an intern at this organization?**
I've been integrated in the product team and I work as a full-stack engineer (with a heavier emphasis on frontend) building out features.

**How did you find your internship?**
I applied via the Kleiner Perkins Caulfield Byers fellowship program. Once I was accepted I had the option of working at any of their portfolio companies.

**What do you enjoy most about your internship?**
Working at a startup which is experiencing as much press and growth as Coursera is undeniably exhilarating. But the caliber of the engineers I got to work with was probably my favorite part of working here.

**What do you find challenging?**
The flipside of working at a startup like this one is that a lot of the workflow and tooling hasn't been figured out, which occasionally makes development challenging.

**What advice would you offer to someone who wants to make the most of an internship like yours?**
Work as hard as you can, spend long hours at work. Take long lunches and just speak to engineers about what they're interested in. Most importantly: start a side project using similar tools as you use at work, then ask for help from the engineers on your side project as well as asking them why they chose the configuration they did. This allows you to rediscover best practices and deeply understand the frameworks the place you're working at employs.

**About the Organization**
Coursera
Mountain View, CA

Coursera is an education platform that partners with top universities and organizations worldwide, to offer courses online for anyone to take, for free. We envision a future where everyone has access to a world-class education. We aim to empower people with education that will improve their lives, the lives of their families, and the communities they live in.