**Co-op Job Summary**  
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**The Job**  
My co-op was with Amazon.com, a large (one might even say ubiquitous) online retailer.

I joined the Community Platform Team at Amazon. This group is responsible for infrastructure that is common to managing all community generated content like product reviews, discussions, comments, etc.

My project involved adding features to the team’s existing automated content scanning tools.

**The Educational Experience**  
This was my second company for the co-op experience (due to the recession, my previous employer axed their intern program). At this job, I felt my main educational experience was learning how to write higher quality code. While I had no problems coming up with working solutions, my many code reviews and feedbacks helped me to learn how to write cleaner and more maintainable code as well as to adhere to an institutional standard.

**The Life**  
Rather than answer in the narrative form, I'm simply going to answer each question from the guidelines directly.

*What recommendations do you have for finding housing in the area?*  
I took the corporate housing option at Amazon.

*What do you recommend for transportation?*  
Amazon gives all their employees, including interns, passes that are good for the local buses and light rail. They also have a discount program with ZipCar, which I used for shopping and the occasional sight-seeing.

*What opportunities exist for social activities?*  
I feel this is very different for each person. I tended to hang out with some of the other interns, though many of them had much larger social lives. Amazon provided plenty of social opportunities for the intern group as a whole.

*Did the employer offer opportunities for community service or athletics?*  
Yes, we could partake in the same activities as the full time employees could.