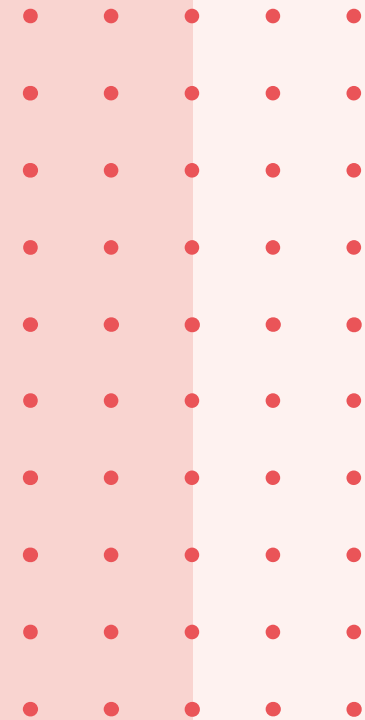
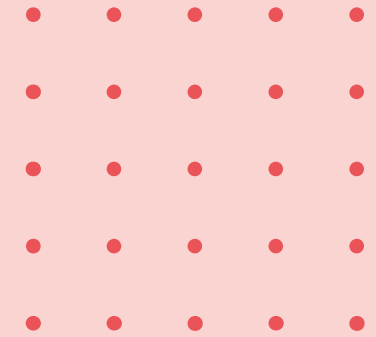


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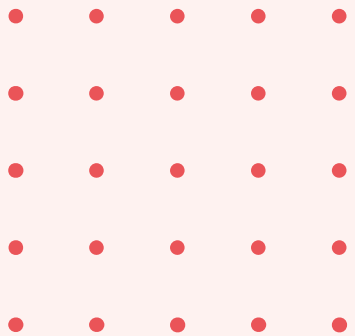
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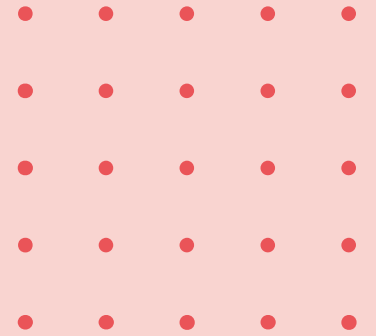
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# 01. Technical

Ramping up & Mindset



# Ramping Up - What to Expect



## First Step

- Team Introduction
- Development Environment Set Up
- Starter Bug + Ask Questions!

## As You Ramp Up

Understand the:

- Product
- High-Level Architecture
- Part of Codebase

# 02. Non

Communication & Misc.

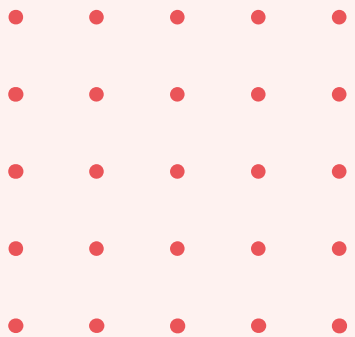
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# Soft Skills

- Regular Feedback, Updates
- Document your progress
- Presentations & Success
- Context Switching / Staying Focused

# 03. Career Growth

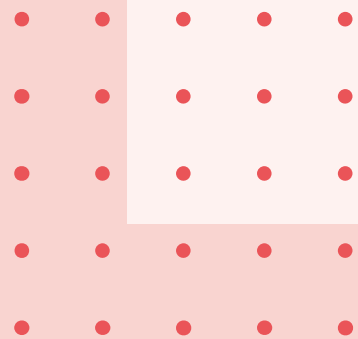
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# Growing Your Career



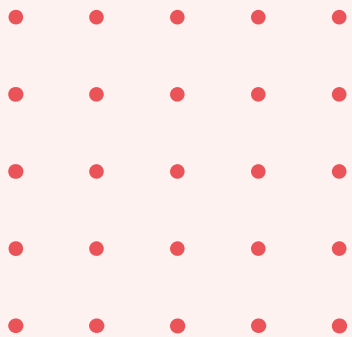
- Set goals on what types of skills you want to develop for the internship
- Set up chats with your team (optional) or just chat with them over lunch / coffee, you never know what you may learn!
- Book Coffee Chats with People outside of your team!
- Ask your mentor/manager about their experiences in the past vs now



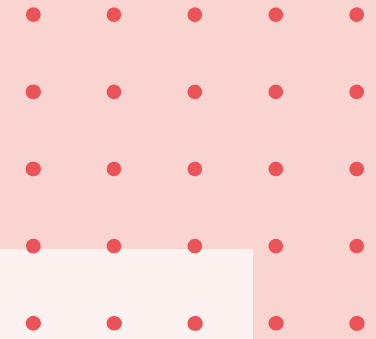


# 04. Wrap Up

Performance, Return Offer vs  
Exploring Other Companies



# Performance Review

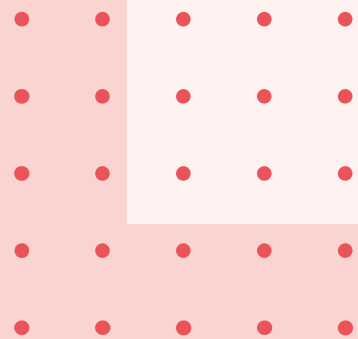


Most of the time there is not problem. After you try your best at the internship, there are still **sometimes** things outside of your control.

Don't be discouraged if you get a bad review, use paper trail!

Employers aren't always aware of the system

**You matter more than a performance review! Take pride in your work!**



# Returning vs Exploring another Company

If you enjoy your work and want to return, you can express interest to your mentor/manager

If you enjoy your team/culture but want to try a different role

If you want to try something new outside of your company but like the company/team

# TLDR

Work hard and push out code

Communicate well and be receptive to feedback

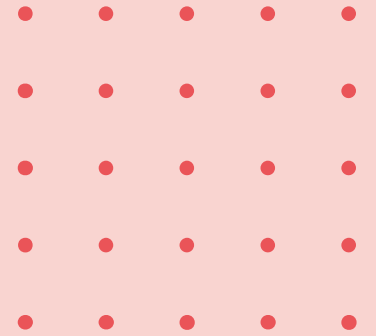
Keep an Open Mind / Don't be Afraid to Speak Up

Grow Your Career + Be Resourceful

Be curious. Be nice.

**Questions?**

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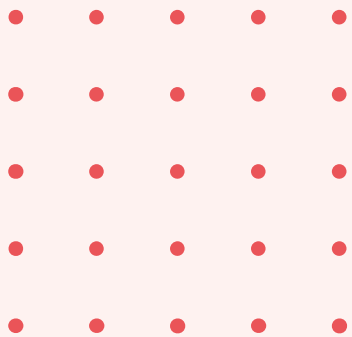
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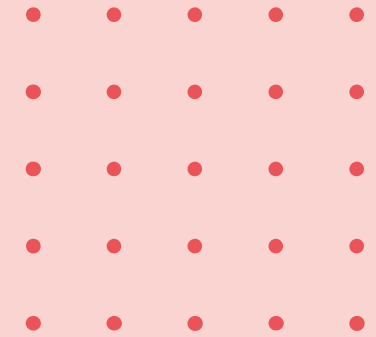
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# Ramping Up - What to Expect



## Diving In

- First Tickets/Features
- Asking Questions! Esp. at the beginning

## Product Sense

- Be curious!
- Bring up ideas if you think of any, don't be afraid to speak up