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Final Farewells from the Fall 2021 Co-op Students



Joshua Oh, Full Stack Developer

This was my favourite co-op work term!

Maintainer is serious stuff...I'm glad I had the opportunity to do software development at the project-level, with all the responsibility and stakes that come with it. It's been a valuable experience for understanding how web applications work and for software design in general.

I had a great team: the most technically competent team leader I've ever had and coworkers that I can call friends.

The Flight Deck space in Communitech rocks, and I wish I could have gone there more often. They have those electronic standing desks whose height you can adjust using buttons. Very cool!

Anyways...Not really a farewell for me since I'm actually on an eight-month work term. I really look forward to bringing Maintainer into its next stage of evolution with the next batch of co-ops.

I'll miss working with my friends who are departing, unless the new co-ops are cooler. Be right back!

Arista Mueller, Full Stack Developer

Another term comes to an end... As much as I'm looking forward to the holiday break, I'm a bit sad to be leaving the Flight Deck.

Working here for the past four months has been a fantastic experience, giving me many opportunities to learn and improve my skills. In particular, I've gotten a lot better at front end development and the many tools that are used in modern web applications.

Seeing how many people are excited about Maintainer and how much difference it will make really makes me hope that Maintainer continues to progress well and that the upcoming trial goes smoothly.

Special thanks to everyone here who made the work term an enjoyable one. Best of luck to the co-ops next term!



Jessica Peter, Full Stack Developer

The past four months working as Full-Stack Developer at National Defence have been absolutely amazing!

One of my favourite tasks that I was assigned was developing all of the data models for the Maintainer. This was not an easy process whatsoever. I made so many database diagrams, and spent hours talking with the product owner to ensure we were not forgetting any data. This was a very interesting experience for me, and it helped me put into perspective just how big this project really is.

Our trip to Greenwood was another big highlight of the term for me. Getting the opportunity to get feedback from the exact people who will be using Maintainer in the future was amazing. Everyone had such positive feedback and seemed really excited about the application we were creating. It was exciting realizing just how impactful the work we have been doing is.

Overall, I'm so grateful I got the opportunity to work in this team. I learned so much about the challenges that come with developing a project from start to finish, and gained so many skills that I am excited to be able to use in the future.



Garret Tracey, Business Development Coordinator

Six months ago, in June, I was happily celebrating with my family because I had gotten the news that I had been accepted for this job come the fall term. Now, reaching the final days of this placement I can say that the opportunity to work with the Flight Deck did not disappoint.

I had the chance to see how the Flight Deck contributes to making the RCAF better through a variety of different projects, the biggest one being the Maintainer project. Doing the user interviews with the software developers in Greenwood gave me insight on just how impactful the project will be for RCAF maintenance teams. I also got to see, through the preparation and running of the 360 basecamps, some of the meaningful steps military personnel are taking to change the RCAF culture. I feel honoured and proud to have worked on meaningful projects like these over the past months.

And of course, I've had fun with these newsletters! Thanks again to anyone reading these. I hope you've enjoyed it!