

# Indigo Slate Job Shadow

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My name is Henry Nguyen and I job shadowed at Indigo Slate, which is an agency that creates smart experiences for clients, including companies like Microsoft, Amazon and Google.

While I was there, I job shadowed with two teams: the project managers and the development team. With the project managers, I sat in with a meeting where they discussed a problem they had with funding and investor needs. Everyone suggested something, and there was a lot of collaboration. Everyone there was very professional and seemed very authentic and positive -- I didn't know what to expect about the culture there, but was very impressed with how well everyone got along.

While having lunch with the project managers, they learned about my interest in software engineering and introduced me to the development team. The development team was very welcoming and gave me a challenge to do: an interview problem that one of their current interns had passed to get a job there. Every day, one of the back-end developers helped me on making

progress and giving me feedback on my code. While shadowing the developers, I got to see one of the products they were currently building: a calculator for Amazon web services. The developer behind it showed me how it worked and how he made from the information he was given. They showed me some basic uses for the command line and ubuntu, and how using node.js increases my ability to do certain things in a program. They demonstrated how to use GitHub to work on projects and post them.

On my last day I went to their standup, where the team gave updates on their projects and the interns presented their projects. It was very impressive, and the interns were given their next project: using their existing work to make an app.