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Within the company coach evaluation form, there are no real points of improvement and it shows that they were quite happy with my performance as an intern. They have often voiced this as well during the last period of my internship. I myself felt really comfortable with the tasks and challenges they gave me during my internship. I feel like it was enough to challenge me, although in the beginning they could have given me more tasks and responsibilities. It is of course logical that it takes time to see how much responsibilities you can give an intern. Minsung stated : "I feel he has gained experience to make informed decisions regarding social engagement and co-creation in relation to his professional development". I agree with this statement in a sense that I want to see how I can implement these fields within my vision and identity.

This internship was a big step outside of my "design" comfort zone, meaning I stepped away from my experience within interaction design and engineering. This doesn't mean everything I did within my internship was new, but that was mostly because of my experience within organizing. This step outside my comfort zone gave me a lot of new perspectives and made me doubt the plan I had set for my future. Where I wanted to start my own company within the fields of physical interaction design, I'm tempted to try out some more social design in the future. One of course doesn't exclude the other.

It also showed me what social projects can mean to people and how much it can improve their view on live with seemingly "small" things. These meaningful social experiences is something I want to implement within my vision. I don't necessarily want to design for these experiences but want to see if I can create these within the development and production of the designs I will end up creating.

The experiences I have gained during my internship haven't really changed my identity, they did however increase my toolset and the fields I can comfortable work in. Before this internship I barely had any experience within participatory design methods and social design. But now I would feel comfortable taking on a co-design process or socially engaged projects.

In terms of competency development I have developed myself in user & society, creativity & aesthetics, business & entrepreneurship, design & research processes and my professional skills. Which is precisely what I wanted during my internship seeing these were the competencies I didn't get to test within the internships of my previous education. During this internship I became a more all rounded designer, I shifted away from my technology side into a more social and aesthetic side. During the summer I will rewrite my vision & identity to match me newly gained insights and have a clear mind set for my final bachelor project.

Most of all this internship showed me that I'm capable of implementing my design skills in different fields.