# 👋 I'm Sujay

CS - BS/MS 2018

Founding engineer at Orb in San Francisco

~~Depressingly~~ Happily watching our football team every year

# It's been ~~10~~ 11 years....

Since I started freshman year at Illinois

# Coming to U of I

- Came from the SF Bay Area.

- Knew I roughly liked CS, but didn't exactly know what.

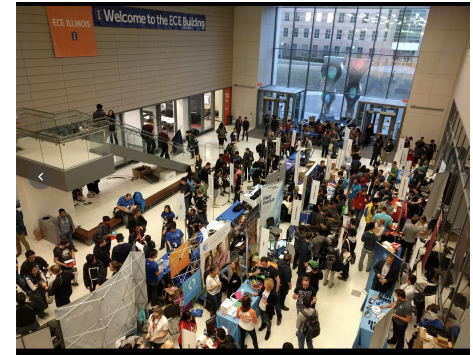- Super determined to graduate as soon as possible.

# Tackling CS



- This is a tough degree

- There's a lot of different paths to take (I chose Human Computer Interaction)

- Worked at eBay, Facebook, and Qualtrics for internships

# Joining CS Clubs



- Got involved with the very first iteration of HackIllinois

- ACM Chair 2015-16

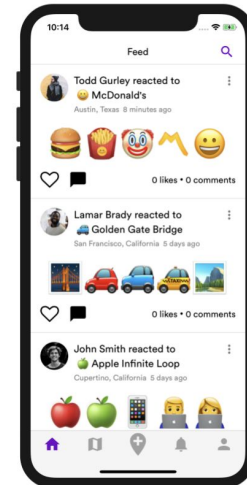- Reflections Projections Chair 2016

# The T&M Minor

- Gave me a diverse new set of classes to take

- Gained a great community and network of folks outside of engineering

- Ended with a great capstone with BP

# Getting involved with research & doing the masters



- Worked with Professor Ranjitha Kumar and the Data Driven Design research group

- Worked with graduate students on a variety of projects

- Wrote a master's thesis about emojis (really.)

# My first job out of college

- Joined Samsara in the fall of 2018 (Series D)

- Learned a ton about the world of IoT

- Learned way too much about truck drivers and the laws they have to follow


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# Why leave?

- Hitting a learning and growth cap

- Not finding fulfillment in the team and the work I was doing

- Wanting something a smaller company where I had more opportunities

# Joining Orb

- Joined as the first hire

- We tackle usage-based billing (exciting)

- Massive amounts of growth & learning

# Top 10 Hot Tips for Success (you won't believe #7!!!)

# Soft skills are underrated and often not explicitly taught in school.

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# Be approximately correct

# Taking a job is about finding a fit for both people.

# Motion over emotion

# Don't do an internship at the same place twice

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# Confidence and how you present yourself will get you jobs.

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# Time is precious.

# If you need help, ask.

When you graduate, come back to campus and visit Heather.

# Thanks for listening.

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