

# Zulip's Developer Community Graduates 5th Successful Year of Google Summer of Code 2021 Internship Program

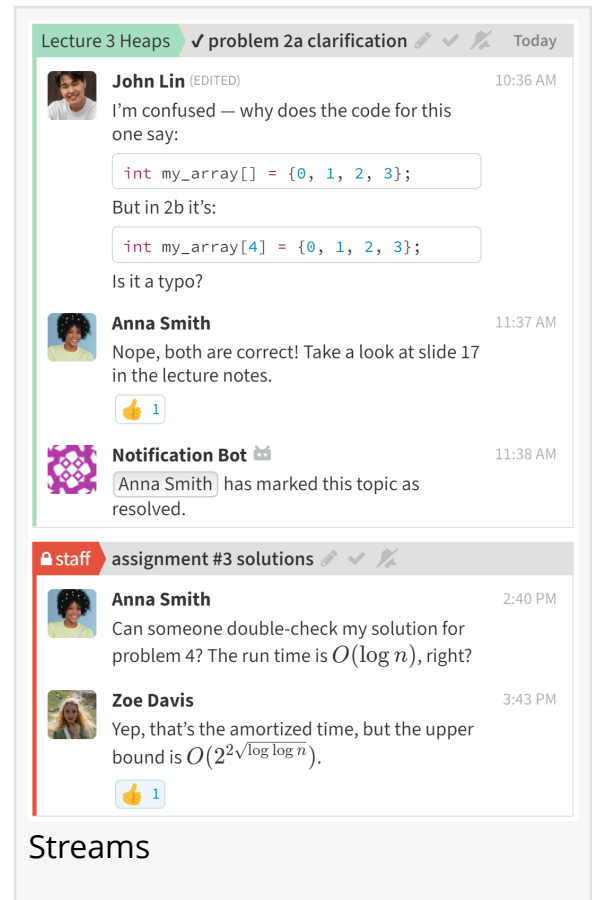
*Zulip's developer community dedicates thousands of hours to open source mentorship, and Zulip's 18 summer students contribute over 1500 commits to the project*

SAN FRANCISCO, CA, UNITED STATES, September 30, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Zulip](https://zulip.com), the threaded open source team chat app with the most active open-source community of any team chat software, today announced it has successfully completed its 5th consecutive year taking part in the [Google Summer of Code](https://summerofcode.withgoogle.com/) (GSoC) program, graduating 18 student participants this summer. This year's students wrote an impressive 1500 commits that are now incorporated into Zulip's codebase, including Zulip's web app, Zulip's mobile app, server and API. Zulip is currently welcoming students to join its next internship program run through [Outreachy](https://outreachy.net).

"It has been the best summer I've ever had! I'm thankful to my mentors, my peers, Zulip, and Google for providing me an opportunity of getting involved in the community! You have helped and supported me to become a better software developer and a passionate open-source contributor," said Sarthak Garg, Zulip GSoC 2021 student participant.

Zulip fosters a welcoming community for students from a wide range of backgrounds by making it seamless to jump right into their open source culture. Zulip has invested in an extraordinary 150K words of documentation on how to contribute to Zulip, with topics ranging from practical Git tips to essays on important architectural decisions. Further, Zulip's code is uniquely readable, well tested, and easy to modify. Anyone is welcome to jump in and contribute to Zulip's open source project. This is why the students in Zulip's 2021 cohort were able to contribute major improvements to the Zulip product.

"The last couple of months were really amazing; I gained massive experience as developer. I saw

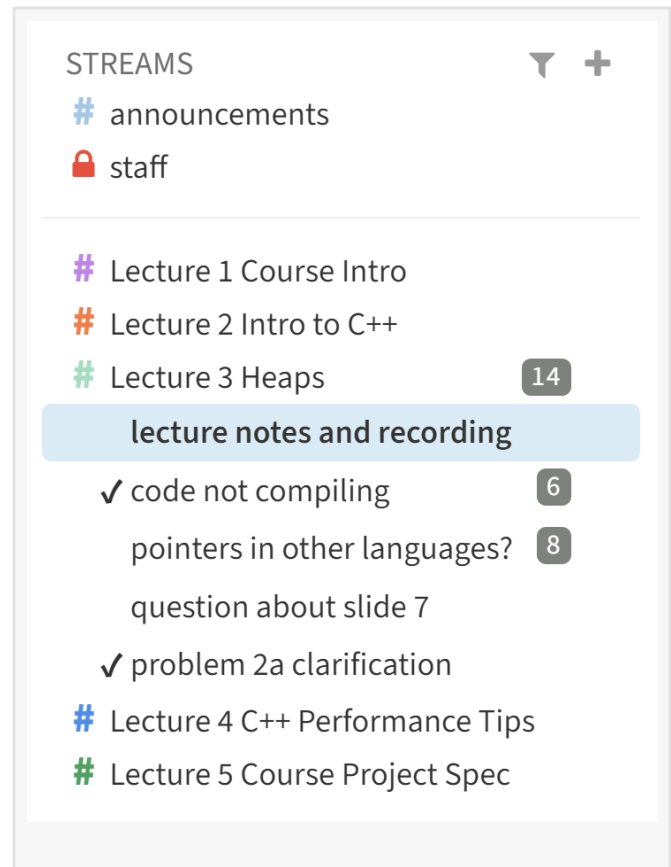


The screenshot shows a Zulip chat interface. At the top, there's a header for "Lecture 3 Heaps" with a sub-header "problem 2a clarification" and a "Today" timestamp. A message from John Lin (EDITED) at 10:36 AM asks for clarification on a code snippet: `int my_array[] = {0, 1, 2, 3};`. He notes that in 2b it's `int my_array[4] = {0, 1, 2, 3};` and asks if it's a typo. Anna Smith replies at 11:37 AM, saying "Nope, both are correct! Take a look at slide 17 in the lecture notes." and gives a thumbs up. A Notification Bot at 11:38 AM states that Anna Smith has marked the topic as resolved. Below this, a new section titled "assignment #3 solutions" is shown, with a staff member's timestamp of 2:40 PM. Anna Smith asks for a double-check on her solution for problem 4, mentioning a run time of  $O(\log n)$ . Zoe Davis replies at 3:43 PM, confirming the amortized time but noting the upper bound is  $O(2^{2\sqrt{\log \log n}})$ . The interface includes user avatars, timestamps, and a "Streams" label at the bottom.

firsthand how an open source community builds a project by keeping everyone's suggestions in mind," said Aryan Shridhar, Zulip GSoC 2021 student participant.

"The Zulip community is really helpful for anyone stuck at any phase of development. I learned how to write clean and maintainable code, the art of breaking huge changes into commits that are easy updates based on reviews, and also about tackling big issues," said Purushottam Tiwari, Zulip GSoC 2021 student participant.

"Zulip has always had a deep commitment to bringing up the next generation, including mentoring over 100 university interns over the last 5 years through Google Summer of Code, Outreachy, and our own internship programs," said Zulip's Project Leader, Tim Abbott. "We are incredibly grateful to all the community members who stepped up to mentor students this summer. Many of the participants have told us that they learned more contributing to Zulip than in their 4-year formal computer science education."



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Many modern "open-source" companies offer an intentionally crippled "open-source" version as a demo for their non-open-source paid product. In contrast, Zulip is 100% open source software. Customers that require full control over their data can easily run a self-hosted Zulip installation, which is why thousands of organizations do so today.

To learn more about Zulip and Zulip's internship programs, check out our blog post detailing the most recent summer program. Connect with Zulip on Twitter and LinkedIn.

## About Zulip

Zulip, developed by Kandra Labs, Inc., is uncompromisingly free and open-source software, used by thousands of organizations as a better alternative to Slack, Discord or Microsoft Teams. Zulip is built by a distributed team, with its leadership based in San Francisco, California and over 700

open-source contributors around the world. Zulip's threaded conversations help thousands of companies of all sizes, open-source projects and non-profits stay organized, seamlessly melding asynchronous and real-time communication. Current Zulip users include teams from Akamai Technologies, Wikimedia Foundation, Pilot, Cambridge Mobile Telematics, LevelUp, MariaDB Foundation, HL7 International, and more.

Zulip has its roots at MIT, where the original founding team was inspired by the BarnOwl chat client for the Zephyr protocol, and the incredible community that Zephyr supported at MIT. The first Zulip Inc. startup was acquired by Dropbox in early 2014 while the product was still in private beta. In late 2015, Dropbox generously released Zulip as open-source software. In 2016, Tim Abbott, one of the original founders of Zulip, founded Kandra Labs to sustain and grow Zulip's ongoing development. Kandra Labs is a values-focused company supported by \$1M in SBIR grants from the US National Science Foundation.

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