"One of the great things about working at Microsoft is that it is the center of the microcomputer universe. We get our hands on the latest hardware long before it becomes public; this allows us to define and set future standards in the industry."

— Mike Koss, Software Design Engineer
MIT SM (6-3) 1983

"As a Program Manager I run my own show. I interact with major corporations, design documentation, courses, and actually program to customize our product. I determine the needs of the developers, define the desired product, then work with marketing to distribute the product all over the world. I can’t imagine having the freedom and impact I enjoy here being offered at other organizations."

— Bill Johnson, Program Manager
MIT SB (16) 1988

"Life at Microsoft is really relaxed. There is no drug test, no dress code (really, you can come to work in shorts and a tie-dye shirt), and no security badge. Some programmers go barefoot and some dress up. Every intern or employee can meet and talk with everyone, including Bill Gates. The real world doesn’t have to be that different from MIT.

"There are many projects which would interest an MIT engineer. You can use your 6.004 knowledge of multi-tasking operating systems and semaphores to develop on OS/2, which will match the power of most mainframe operating systems. Any X Windows programmer would be interested in the OS/2 Presentation Manager, which will give real graphics capabilities to microcomputers. Use your experience of Athena’s networks to develop OS/2 LAN Manager, a distributed operating system. Anyone who has taken MIT’s 6.035 compiler course can expand their experience and work on one of the best optimizing compilers available. You can help change the future of business computing with applications like Microsoft Excel, Works and Word.

"Microsoft = MIT - exams + pay."

— George Hu, Software Development - Intern
MIT (6-3) 1989

"Summer in Seattle is a lot like late Spring in Boston — it’s sunny and warm, but not humid. There aren’t too many places in the country where snow-peaked mountains, waterfalls, unpolluted ocean beaches and lakes and undeveloped wilderness are all less than two hours away."

— Eric Berman, Associate Program Manager - Intern
MIT (6-1) SM candidate