

MONTÉ THAKKAR

Full Stack Engineer



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SUMMARY

A product engineer & entrepreneur that's passionate about making an impact in the community through volunteering, teaching technical skills & open source software.

I have experience working in a startup environment with strong communication skills, a positive attitude and a desire to take ownership of business critical projects. I have also led a team to deliver a mobile app.

EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder and CTO

Kandou 📅 2018 - Ongoing 📍 San Francisco

We make volunteering simple and social. Kandou provides tools to help companies build, manage & track their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts.

- Launched the mobile app in 3 months on iOS and Android.
- Architected and built our database and backend server from scratch.
- Developed full-featured web dashboard for non-profits & companies.
- Grew platform to 200+ volunteers in San Francisco with over a 100+ hours in community service.
- Partnered with 2 non-profits and published events for 15 other non-profits.

🌐 <https://www.kandouapp.com>

Software Engineer II

Expedia Group 📅 2018 - Ongoing 📍 San Francisco

Pillow team is now part of Vrbo (Expedia Group) with a renewed focus on growing in the multifamily industry.

- Migrated our web app off Heroku and into a Docker MultiPaaS environment which reduced our server costs by a factor of 10.
- Responsible for migrating business focused services such as Looker, Mixpanel, and New Relic.
- Helping rebuild Pillow's Community Manager product into a new AngularJS web app.

Software Engineer

Pillow Inc (acquired by Expedia Group) 📅 2016 - 2018

📍 San Francisco

Short-term rental management for residential properties.

- Launched our homepage redesign in under 3 weeks with custom ScrollMagic animations.
- Optimized Pillow.com load time by 4 secs and reduced page size by 50%
- Supported the development of Pillow Price Guarantee program which increased our revenue by over 60%.
- Spearheaded a team to build our official Pillow mobile app with React Native, and launched it in under 4 weeks.
- Pillow app helped deliver on the "mobile-first" company goal and led to 80% of all our active users using the mobile app.

🌐 <https://www.pillow.com>

ACHIEVEMENTS



React Native Workshop

Organized a week long workshop to teach React Native @ Vrbo. Attended by over 100 Vrbo employees and directly led to 3 teams adopting it for their products.



React Native Elements

Raised over \$4000 for the development of the project. Awarded 80% of it back to individual contributors.

PROJECTS

React Native Elements

Open source library for React Native UI Elements

- Lead maintainer for over 2 years on a team of 4 developers
- Released 16 new versions, closed 800 issues & merged 600 pull requests
- This library is actively used and downloaded over 45,000/week on NPM
- First library to reach 15,000 Stars in the entire React Native ecosystem

🌐 <https://github.com/react-native-training/react-native-elements>

MobileSpace

Created a free, in-person bootcamp to teach mobile app development to university students.

- Designed a 3 month iOS course attended by 5 students
- Designed a 3 month React Native course attended by 10 students
- Helped 5 students get internships or full-time jobs after the bootcamp
- Organized a Demo Day with over 60 attendees and judges from Airbnb and Expo
- Developed and open sourced the curriculum for self-study

🌐 <http://mobilespace.xyz>

TECHNICAL SKILLS

React Native	ReactJS	Express	
Node.js	GraphQL	Apollo	Rails
Javascript	Ruby	Java	HTML
CSS			