# Jason Kathawa

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### Education

## University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

GPA 3.351/4.000

## Stephen M. Ross School of Business

Bachelor of Business Administration (April 2021)

- Emphasis in Marketing and Strategy
- Peer Mentor for incoming first-years

## College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science (April 2021)

- Recipient of Meijer Family Scholarship
- Ranked 1st of 50 teams in showcase for Elementary Programming Concepts course

## Experience Summer 2020

### Katch Media

## Los Angeles, California

## Product Manager (Contractor)

- Led the inception and strategic planning of the startup's consumer-facing film-recommendations app alongside the Chief Product Officer, leveraging research to create an initial Product Requirements Document for the development team
- Analyzed the strength and performance of competitors and complements, culminating in a view of the competitive landscape as well as tactical insights and recommendations
- Mapped potential customer experiences through customer journey flows specially devised to be consumable to both the UX/UI designer and the development team
- Assisted in primary market research through survey design and focus group administration, informing the product team for strategic direction discussions

#### 2019-Present

# University of Michigan, College of Engineering Instructional Aide Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Teach fundamental computer science concepts to students with no prior programming experience, helping establish a solid foundation for future computer-science education
- Adapt teaching style and content in office hours and discussion settings to be inclusive
  of different learning styles, increasing each student's understanding and boosting scores
- Develop exams for one of the University's largest courses under the dynamic remote learning curriculum, integrating feedback continuously to ensure fairness

#### Summer 2019

## Quicken Loans

## Detroit, Michigan

## **Software Engineering Intern**

- Acted as a tech lead, product manager, and software engineer for a tiger team of software engineers tasked with creating a sales and marketing web application from zero to production in 8 weeks, helping to increase salespeople's closed loan volumes
- Translated financially-technical feature requests into actionable tasks for a non-financially savvy team, enabling engineers to write elegant, scalable code
- Facilitated and contributed to software architectural design discussions, resulting in a cohesive and intellectually safe team and a flexibly designed application
- Communicated continuously with application's customers (marketing, sales) to integrate feedback and manage expectations, maximizing visibility and effective decision making

# Skills & Interests

- Coding: C++, C, C#, Java, Python, Shell Scripting, Angular, HTML, JavaScript
- Dev Tools: Windows, Linux, FreeBSD, Visual Studio, Android Studio, Git, Docker
- Play hockey weekly with fellow business students for the Ross Ice Hockey club team
- Hiked at Glacier National Park in 2017; backpacked North Manitou Island in 2019
- Spent a summer creating a business, "Fruit and Tie, LLC," to make a mobile-app game