BEING a MAKER

What's my relationship to maker culture?

How can makers shape cultural development? |
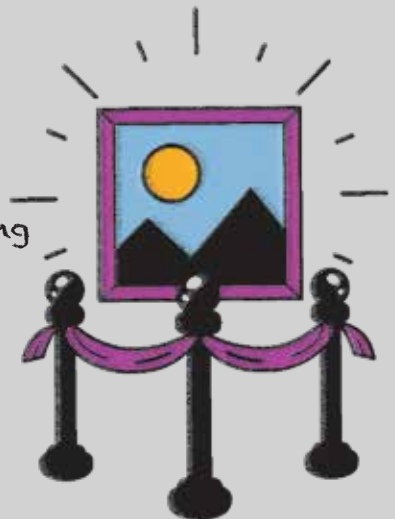
What does it mean to be a MAKER?

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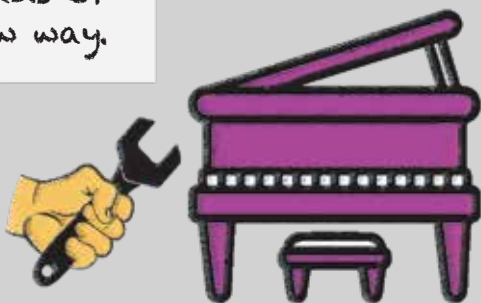skills in a cr

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The role of makers in society is diverse. On one hand, they can contribute to **economic growth** by creating new products and services, driving **innovation** and **competitiveness**. On the other hand, they can shape cultural development by **challenging** established norms and offering alternative perspectives o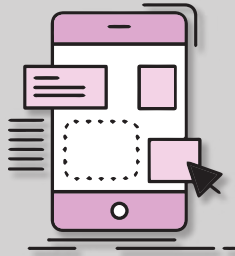n **social issues**. Makers can use their skills and **creativity** to offer critiques of contemporary society and encourage critical thinking, pushing us to reconsider our assumptions and biases.

As continues to advance and new

technology   tools

become available, Makers may increasingly rely on

 and other technologies to assist them in

artificial intelligence

their work, blurring the lines between and

human

 creativity. However, the essential spirit of

machine

making is likely to remain unchanged, as people

continue to seek out new ways to themselves

express

and bring their ideas to .

life

Myself as a MAKER

In 2019, I did an intern-ship at Maple Leaf Foods as a designer and at Raymond James as a web developer. This was the year I gained hands-on work experience. I learned about meeting company's needs while collaborating with the team.

2017

2018

2019

My first proper encounter with the maker culture was when I entered univeresity as a biomedical science student. In science classes, especially during biology labs, I learned to think about how one is able to contribute to the world as a maker.

The more time I spent with fellow students studying computer science or engineering, I realized that I have more interest in development and design than science. While engineers mostly work on the back-end of any products, I decided to become a maker who takes part in the front-end near the end of my first year.

Understanding and responding to the user's needs is crucial in the field of design. I want to become a designer who not only provides the best experience to the user but also knows how to interact with them. Furthermore, in an era of rapid technological change, I will continue to improve my skills in using various design softwares. I hope to contribute to the ongoing development of maker culture and inspire others to embrace their own creative potential by sharing my designs to the world.

future

2023

After coming back to school from a short break, I am continuing my studies in the field of design. Throughout years, I had opportunities to work with developers and also had times when I had to satisfy the user. I came to learn that one of the important roles of a designer is that they connect the user and developers. Broadening this view, I believe that maker's future lies in being able to communicate with people.

Thanks for reading!
Want to learn more about MAKER?

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