Kush Thaker

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What I Do

- Determine tech requirements
- Refine product backlog in JIRA
- Analyze data with Python, SQL
- Communicate to all audiences
- Collaborate on designs
- Promote culture of deep work

Education

Systems Design Engineering

University of Waterloo 2020
Bachelor of Applied Science

TD Scholarship for Community Leadership

- Selected as 1 of 20 national recipients of award in 2013

Community

Board Member - Future Possibilities for Kids

- Guide long-term direction and represent Toronto charity that impacts 400 kids per year

Student Trustee - York Region School Board 2013

- Elected by student senate to voice issues of 120k students, co-founding CanYouth publication

Work Experience

Associate Product Manager Intern
AppDirect. Montreal. May - Dec 2018

B2B seller platform. 600 employees. F500 clients. $60M annual revenue.

- Release 2019 security product in 3 months before Windows threat detection updates put 70,000 telco end-users at risk, securing $2M ARR
- Upgrade remote support chat experience from desktop app to web embed, responsible for wireframes, user stories and phased rollout

Product Manager Intern
Influitive. Toronto. Sep 2016 - Dec 2017

B2B advocate hub. 100 employees. $10M annual revenue.

- Contributed to design, user stories and rollout messaging of news feed and admin reporting features
- Develop scalable process for stakeholders to submit feature requests, vote on use cases, and help team leads prioritize sprints
- Analyze admin user workflows and write requirements for CSV export builder feature, enabling marketers to surface buried advocate insights

SQL Database Admin Intern
Rubicon Project. San Francisco. Jan - Apr 2016

Open ad exchange $MGNI. 600 employees. $160M annual revenue.

- Increase capacity of on-premise file system by 63% over 4 months by migrating historical datasets to Amazon S3 and Glacier storage

Marketing Analyst Intern
Polar. Toronto. Sep - Dec 2014

Native ads platform. 40 employees. Serve ads for real news.

- Help account managers prepare for quarterly business reviews. Query ad performance data, compute benchmarks, and offer recommendations

Projects

Side Projects
Markham. Apr 2020 - present

- Design & prototype calendar assistant to promote deep work
- Complete deeplearning.ai Natural Language Processing specialization
- Scrape Amazon product metadata and summarize for SMB client
- Write report 'Complex Systems & Electoral Swings in Province of Ontario'
- Write essay 'Democracy, Disinformation and Deep Fakes'