Kush Thaker

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 <u>CanYouth</u> publication

Work Experience

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

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

- Release 2019 <u>security product</u> in 3 months before Windows threat detection updates put 70,000 telco end-users at risk, securing \$2M ARR
- Upgrade remote <u>support chat</u> 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.

- Conduct A/B experiment to learn if user-generated content on home page increases community discussion, leading to redesign of interface
- 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 <u>feature</u>, 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. Serves trusted news publishers.

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

Projects

Pandemic Projects

Waterloo. Sep 2019 - Jan 2021

- Prototype calendar assistant to promote deep work and digital wellbeing
- Study deeplearning.ai Natural Language Processing specialization
- Advise team of MSc students to summarize Amazon product reviews
- Write report 'Complex Systems & Electoral Swings in Province of Ontario'
- Write essay 'Democracy, Disinformation and Deep Fakes'