

PARAM THAKKAR

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EXPERIENCE

Warrant Officer Second Class, Royal Canadian Air Cadets Sep 2017 – Jun 2022

- Represented my squadron at the Senior Cadet Advisory Council
- Recruited new members and instructed lessons on aviation, leadership, and drill

Instructor, Coder Cookies Aug 2021 – Apr 2022

- Taught Python to middle school students through an online learning platform
- Assessed students and created reports to ensure students are on track

President, Coding Club Oct 2020 – Jun 2021

- Led a team of **5 executives** to organize weekly workshops covering various topics from web development to data structures and algorithms in Python
- Coordinated multiple alumni talks with upwards of **50 participants**

Web Developer Intern, NOVA x Network Dec 2020 – Jun 2021

- Developed an application portal using React and Firebase
- Maintained the organization's home page and published articles regularly

Lead Organizer, Lighthouse Hacks Dec 2020 – Apr 2021

- Led a team of organizers to plan, market, and host a virtual hackathon
- Attracted over **200 participants** from **10 countries** and over **\$40,000** in prize value
- www.lighthousehacks.ca

SKILLS

- Languages: Python, JavaScript, Java
- Web design (CSS, Sass, Figma)
- Version control (git)
- Media (Photoshop, After Effects)

PROJECTS

[1pt.co URL Shortener](https://1pt.co) 2021

- Built an open-source URL shortening service using Python and JavaScript
- Currently has more than **10,000+** links and over **200,000+** unique visits
- Implemented a system to detect and prevent users from being redirected to malicious URLs

[Meme Adviser Reddit Bot](#) 2019

- Created a Reddit bot in Python that analyzes the fake "stock market" on the r/MemeEconomy subreddit to suggest which investments to make
- Ranked among the **top 500** Reddit bots out of over 20,000 bots

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Won "Most Creative App of the Month" award from MIT App Inventor 2017
- Placed 1st at Imagine hackathon for developing [Mathu](#) – a math learning platform 2018
- Placed 3rd at Startup Weekend for [StoAR](#) – an AR web tool for small businesses 2018
- Completed the Cadet Instructor Preparation program with the Greatest Distinction 2019
- Nominated for the "Most Proficient Junior NCO" award 2020
- Received Janusz Zurakowski award for excellence in glider aviation studies 2021
- Offered a Schulich Leader scholarship (**\$80,000**) from the University of Toronto 2022

EDUCATION

Ontario Secondary School Diploma, Port Credit Secondary School Anticipated 2022