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KAYAK: Product Manager Co-op 2022



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“...Focus on the end goal and constantly improve yourself to achieve that...”



Company name: KAYAK

Role: Product Manager, Kayak for Business (K4B)

When did you begin applying?

In December, right after the first semester

Which platform did you apply through for this job?

NUWorks and the company website

Number of rounds:

3 planned but 4 in my case (My first two interviews were for a Product manager for growth)

Round 1:

Role of the interviewer in the company: Hiring Manager of the Growth team

Duration: 30 mins

Questions asked by the interviewer:

All questions were based on the resume. The focus was to understand more about my experience and the projects mentioned in my portfolio and resume.

The question you asked:

1. How does the growth team coordinate with other teams?
2. How do you prioritize the features while focusing on growth?
3. Is there any specific feature set planned or focused for coop?

Duration before the mail for next round: 1 Week.

Round 2:

Role of the interviewer in the company: Two Product managers

Duration: 1 hr

Questions asked by the interviewer:

(This round was a whiteboard challenge)

Build/Improve an existing app for freelancers

The question you asked:

As this was a product sense interview, all of my questions were based on feedback and their approach to such questions.

Duration before the mail: 5 days

(I got rejected here. Afterwards I got a reply to my feedback email after almost a month to see If I am available for another product position)

Round 3:

Role of the interviewer in the company: Lead Product manager for Kayak for business

Duration: 30 mins

Questions asked by the interviewer:

The interview was more of conversation than interview. The whole discussion was focused on B2B aspect of the travel industry how I see the product and possible feature sets to work on.

The question you asked:

1. Is there any plan of creating two different products for B2B and B2C?
2. How do you prioritize between existing customer needs and backlog features?

Duration before the mail for next round: 4 days

Round 4:

Role of the interviewer in the company: Product Manager

Duration: 30 mins

Questions asked by the interviewer:

- Multiple behavioral questions focusing on team work, conflict, customer value.

- Multiple product based questions on success matrix and prioritization

The question you asked:

1. Regarding the ongoing plans and future for the the B2B aspect for the company
2. More details of the co-op
3. Expectations from the co-op

Duration before offer mail: 4 days

Final thoughts:

1. Just like Dory from finding Nemo- Just keep swimming!
2. Focus on the end goal and constantly improve yourself to achieve that
3. Network
4. Practice
5. Irrespective of how challenging it may look you will find success as long as you don't give up!

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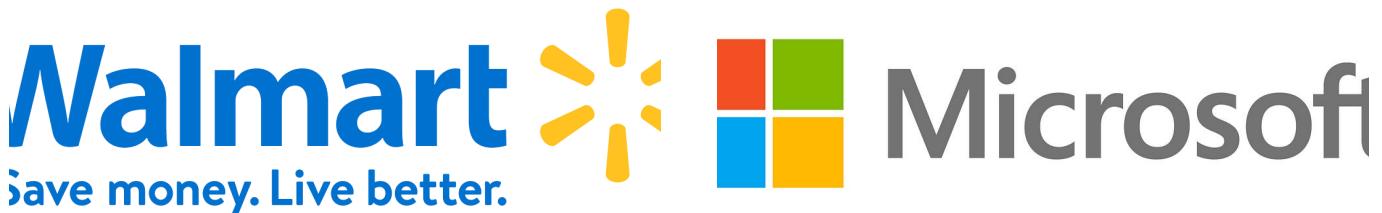
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