# Alexandra Khoo

I help connect the dots between business, data signals, and storytelling as a hybrid data professional



#### **EXPERIENCE**

## **Human Managed**, Cybersecurity Solutions Provider Lead Data Strategist (Data Visualization)

JAN 2021 - JUN 2021

Pioneered data visualization style guide and developed playbooks for data-driven storytelling

Developed new ways for users to experience data, from curating datasets to storyboarding and prototyping visualizations using D3.js, React, and Flourish

# **Synthesis**, Brand Consultancy Cultural Data Scientist

FEB 2020 - JAN 2021

Combined open-source intelligence with network science and natural language processing to detect emergent preferences and social attitudes

Led data efforts in cross-functional teams, including end-to-end pipelines of ingesting and cleaning data into bespoke datasets, and designed charts

### **Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore**

SEP 2013 - JAN 2020

#### Senior Manager, Policy & Strategy

Investigated maritime trends and trade statistics, through data projects and consultations with industry stakeholders, to inform organizational strategies

Served as speechwriter to the Chief Executive for keynote events, where the organisation's priorities are shared with industry guests and staff

#### Manager, International Relations

Co-represented Singapore in international negotiations on shipping's greenhouse gas emissions

Received **2016 Singapore National Excellent Service Award (Silver)** for excellent service while organising an international conference with International Maritime Organization, a UN agency, among other activities

#### **SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS**

Natural Language Processing with tweets to @AmazonHelp - Delivered a talk at La Kopi@Google Developers Space on using methods like Latent Dirichlet Allocation analysis and non-negative matrix factorization to uncover key themes in customers' discontent.

**Humanizing Data: Career Switch into Data Science** - Shared insights and personal lessons from my data science career journey as part of <u>Wanted Spotlight's Breaking Data talk series</u>

#### **TOOLSTACK OVERVIEW**

#### **Programming & Software**

Python (including pandas, spaCY, networkx), R, SQL, GCP/Big Query, Snowflake, Javascript, HTML/CSS

#### **Version control**

Git, Github, Gitlab

### **Data Visualisation & Design**

D3.js, Figma, Gephi, Ggplot2, Inkscape (open-source alternative to Adobe Illustrator), Matplotlib, Tableau, Seaborn

#### **LANGUAGES**

Mandarin (mother tongue), German (A2)

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Metis Data Science Bootcamp**

Oct - Dec 2019, Singapore

**University of Chicago,** MA International Relations 2012-2013, USA

# University of York, BA

(Honours) Politics with International Relations First Class with Distinction 2009-2012, UK

**2019 Dataquest Diversity Scholarship** - Sponsorship for online data science learning

Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Overseas Government Scholarship 2009 - Full sponsorship for undergraduate & graduate studies

#### **INTERESTS**

Data Visualization Society member and <u>writer</u> + Mentor with Google Women Developer Academy