

**Aaron Eskam** is a product designer driven to solve challenging problems, create brilliant experiences, and grow happy teams. An experienced design leader, mentor, and hands-on contributor across the entire product lifecycle.

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Goldman Sachs** | Product Design (Contract)

April 2022–Present

- Designing products for structured finance and lending within the Global Markets Division

### **NextThought** | Chief Creative Officer

April 2012–November 2021

- Led NextThought LMS platform design from concept to mature product
- Led award winning-product design consulting services for strategic partners
- Instilled a user-centered culture across the organization
- Established and recruited a highly capable and dedicated team of designers

#### **Took over Product Management and Marketing in 2019**

- Increased SaaS Client and ARR growth by 5x
- Introduced simpler and more profitable pricing structure while reducing sales cycle by 91.6%
- Introduced new market strategy, product positioning, and website to establish product market fit
- Recognized as G2 High Performer with 4.8 out of 5 stars
- Reduced client support and onboarding overhead by more than 80% with DIY features
- Reduced client setup from 1+ week cross-team effort down to a 1-minute automation
- Planned and delivered numerous highly-desired product advancements

### **The University of Oklahoma** | Adjunct Professor

January 2013–May 2020

- Taught digital product design to hundreds of Visual Communication majors (upper-division, degree requirement)
- Recruited the best students into internships at NextThought, and then to full-time

### **Dell** | User Experience Designer

July 2011–April 2012

- Concepted and delivered web, mobile, and desktop applications

### **frog design** | Senior Designer

November 2005–July 2011

- Acquired diverse experience and a strong design foundation at a world-renowned firm
- Clients include: HP, SanDisk, AT&T, Walt Disney World, Microsoft, Flextronics, Hawaiian Airlines, Network Solutions

## EDUCATION

### **The University of Oklahoma** | BFA Visual Communication

2001–2005

## SKILLS

UX and Interaction Design, Visual Design, Product Strategy, Creative Direction, Rapid Prototyping, Product Management, Lean/Agile Methodologies