

MANAN PATEL

Senior Mobile Engineer & Entrepreneur

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Summary

Senior Mobile Engineer with 8+ years building production applications serving millions of users across government, fintech, and startup environments. Proven entrepreneur with hands-on experience founding and scaling technology companies. Expert in Swift/SwiftUI native development and React Native cross-platform solutions, with deep understanding of product strategy, user experience, and business operations from small business to enterprise scale.

Technical Skills

iOS Development: Swift, SwiftUI, UIKit, Objective-C, Xcode, TestFlight, App Store Connect

Cross-Platform: React Native, Expo CLI, EAS Build, EAS Submit, TypeScript, JavaScript

Backend & APIs: Node.js, Python, REST APIs, GraphQL, Firebase, Authentication

Data & Storage: CoreData, CloudKit, SQLite, MongoDB, JSON, XML Parsing

Development Tools: Git, GitHub Actions, Fastlane, Docker, Jenkins, Figma, Postman

Product & Analytics: A/B Testing, User Research, Data Analytics, Product Strategy, Business Intelligence

Professional Experience

RentPlay

Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer

Calgary, AB

Jan 2025 – Present

- Co-founded fintech startup rewarding rent payments via e-transfer/EFT combined with shop-local marketplace
- Built RentPlay.ca using React Native/Expo, TypeScript, and Node.js reaching 1,000 users at peak
- Raised \$100K SAFE note and secured \$100K in government grants through strategic partnerships
- Developed SuperSaver rewards system (2X PlayCoins for rent reporting) and receipt upload earning 500-1000 PlayCoins
- Made strategic product decision to wind down startup after failing to achieve product-market fit, returning 90% of investment
- Learned critical product lesson: difference between problems worth solving vs problems people will consistently pay for

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Team Lead & iOS Developer

Calgary, AB (Remote)

Mar 2023 – Dec 2024

- Lead Weather Dissemination team creating weather components for Weather.gc.ca website and iOS/Android applications
- Lead iOS Engineer for WeatherCan app serving 5+ million monthly active users, Canada's #3 weather app
- Made product decision to prioritize GPS-based alerts over advanced radar, driving 40% increase in user engagement
- Identify, generate, and delegate tasks to 3 full-time developers and 2 co-op students to achieve KPIs and timelines
- Leading team expansion of Radar product to support real-time Lightning, Hurricane, and Tornado events across Canada

Wattpad Inc.
iOS Engineer

Toronto, ON (Remote)
Aug 2021 – Mar 2023

- Swift, SwiftUI, and Objective-C engineering for iOS Wattpad App serving 90+ million global users
- Lead iOS Engineer for new Wattpad Comments experience, complete overhaul from Obj-C to SwiftUI
- Advocated against feature complexity to maintain simple experience for 90+ million users, improving retention 15%
- Introduced comment liking, in-line replies, and design system components improving user engagement
- Implemented WP Design System via atomic design methodology for unified product and developer experience
- Managed bi-monthly release master duties including testing, monitoring, and App Store releases

TD Bank Group
iOS Developer

Toronto, ON (Remote)
Jan 2020 – Aug 2021

- Designed and built iOS application features for TD App offering seamless banking services for 3+ million customers
- Championed biometric authentication over complex passwords, understanding security friction impacts adoption in fintech
- Collaborated with backend developers to integrate financial APIs securely with multi-factor authentication
- Provided technical guidance and mentorship, conducting code reviews and ensuring coding standards

Environment and Climate Change Canada
iOS and Software Developer

Toronto, ON
May 2017 – Jan 2020

- Concept to completion release of Canadian governmental WeatherCAN app with 2-person team and 1-year timeline
- Established real-time consumer facing databases and backend APIs for mobile applications
- Worked with VueJS creating GUI layers for Weather.gc.ca website redesign including lightning strikes and radar
- Created and maintained XML Parsers and Product Generators supporting weather observations, forecasts, and alerts

Entrepreneurial Experience

Gino's Pizza & Family Business
Operations & Technology Lead

Stratford, ON
2010 – 2016

- Worked nearly 6 years at family restaurant from age 13-19 doing everything: pizza making, orders, inventory, cleaning, prep
- Handled marketing and graphic design using Photoshop as the young tech kid of the family
- Gained firsthand experience with small business challenges including cash flow management and operational efficiency
- Learned entrepreneurial mindset and customer service while balancing school and full-time restaurant work

Selected Projects

WeatherCan – Official Canadian Weather App

2017 – 2020, 2023 – 2024

- Built and maintain Canada's #3 weather app with 5+ million monthly active users and 4.5+ App Store rating
- Implemented GPS-based weather alerts and interactive radar with custom map overlays serving critical safety information
- Developed comprehensive widget system for iOS lock screen and home screen enabling quick weather access

Goal Getter – Personal Habit Tracking App

2024

- Designed and developed habit tracking app using SwiftUI and CloudKit for seamless data sync across devices
- Built widget ecosystem enabling quick habit logging across iOS devices with 4.8/5 App Store rating
- Achieved zero reported crashes through comprehensive testing and quality assurance processes

Countries Quiz – Educational Geography Game

2023

- Created interactive geography quiz using SwiftUI and custom map rendering with engaging user experience
- Implemented multiple game modes with progressive difficulty algorithms optimizing for user retention

Education

University of Toronto

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science & Statistical Machine Learning, Co-op

Toronto, ON

2014 – 2019

Leadership & Recognition

Team Leadership: Managed cross-functional teams of 5+ engineers, designers, and stakeholders across multiple product initiatives

Mentorship: Guided 10+ junior developers through technical growth and career advancement with measurable outcomes

Product Success: Published 4+ apps with consistently high ratings, millions of users, and zero critical production issues

Business Acumen: Successfully raised funding, managed investor relations, and made strategic business decisions under uncertainty