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Profile

Product manager with an engineering background and a passion for craftsmanship, experienced in shipping mobile & Mac apps at scale.

Experience

Microsoft, Office for Mac and Mobile

Program Manager 2 Remote in Vancouver, BC

2018 – Present

- Launched Office app on iOS and revamping Word, Excel and PowerPoint for uniquely mobile scenarios. Defining product vision and managing across PM, design, data science, engineering and marketing partners located in India, China and USA.
- Partnering with Apple for iPad enterprise growth (MAD up 40% YoY).
- Driving core UX for Office on iOS & macOS. Working on Start, push notifications, @mentions and comments to increase collaboration (usage up 3x).
- Coaching early-in-career PMs. Allyship lead for Vancouver.

Program Manager Redmond, WA

2016 – 2018

- Incubated an AR+VR Office product, managing user research, design and development (NPS 70). Direct approval by Satya Nadella for productization. Received patent.
- Office Accessibility lead for iOS & macOS. Created partnership with Apple to improve VoiceOver usability. Achieved App Store feature and unblocked \$10M+ business deals.
- Drove the iOS 11 update for Office and marketing partnership with Apple.

Program Manager Intern Redmond, WA

Summer 2015

Added support for right-to-left language UI in Word, Excel & PowerPoint for iOS.

Symantec, Norton for Mac

Software Developer Intern Los Angeles, CA

Jan – Sep 2014

Refactored remote management components and built internal GUI tools.

Education

UCLA, B.S. in Computer Science

2012 – 2015

- President, Association for Computing Machinery. Ran committee of 12. Increased funding 4x, membership 20→200 and event attendance 6x.
- Creative Director, LA Hacks
- Product Manager, Daily Bruin & Bruinwalk

Skills & Life

Photoshop, Obj-C, C++, Sketch. Powerlifter. Lived in 16 cities. Can speak 5 languages.

Press & Talks

WWDC: Worked with Apple to demo Word in Apple keynote by Craig Federighi.

Press: Dark Mode support in Office for Mac (The Verge, Engadget & 40+ outlets)

Press: iOS 11 Update for Word, Excel and PowerPoint on iOS (ArsTechnica)

Patent: VR device with modes for document viewing & editing (403638-US-NP)

Talk: CSUN 2019 What's New in Office 365 Accessibility

Talk: CSUN 2019 Boost productivity with Microsoft apps on iOS and Android