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IT DIRECTOR

EMPOWER & MOTIVATE TEAMS | BUILD GREAT PRODUCTS | GLOBAL IT LEADERSHIP

Building great products that solve real-world problems for customers

Leading a portfolio of multiple cross-platform (iOS, Android, and web) engineering teams. Defined and implemented strategic product roadmaps, built and led high-performing teams, and delivered measurable results. Skilled communicator and facilitator adept at managing complex \$10-100 million dollar projects from inception to implementation. Additional expertise includes:

- Large scale Program, Agile (SAFe 5.0) and Project Management
- **Budget Management**
- Vendor Management
- Technical and Architect Management
- Risk Management
- **Change Management**

- Release Management
- Strategic Planning
- **Process Development**
- Relationship Management
- Team Building
- **Problem Solving**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Levi Strauss & Co. Cancun, Mexico

Senior Mobile App Engineering Manager

Member of the US Mobile Engineering team, tasked with distributing and constructing the Levi's Mobile Application

- Managed personnel across a 30+ person distributed engineering team in the Americas and India. Established and refined engineering best practices leading to improved performance, reduced development cycles, and improved application quality.
- Supervised the delivery of Mobile Apps for the US/CA and European regions, by overseeing the CI/CD pipeline, managing releases, and handling distribution through the Apple Store and Google Store.

Projects:

- Managed Levi's Mobile application development and delivery on a bi-weekly cadence (LSM).
- Led initiatives for Mobile Front End Architecture, including the implementation of React Native New Architecture.
- Achieved significant performance enhancements, reducing app load time from 9 seconds to 2 seconds and decreasing page rendering time by 60%.
- Enhanced user engagement metrics: increased the percentage of visitors opening the app and reaching a Product Details Page by 25% in US/CA and 50% in Europe by implementing a new search vendor.
- Improved conversion metrics: increased the percentage of visitors adding items to the cart by 10% for both US/CA and Europe.
- Increased Loyal Membership acquisition and re-engagement, reaching 2.9M in US/CA and 2.5M in Europe by changing the backend integration architecture.
- Enhanced purchase frequency by 10% for US/CA by redesigning the cart page and making UI optimization.

October 2022 - May 2024

LEVI STRAUSS & CO., Moscow, Russia

October 2020 - September 2022

IT Director

Led Digital Transformation in LS&Co Europe, managed full IT Portfolio, adopted Agile (SAFe 5.0) for cross-functional IT teams

- ERP including Apparel Mark & Tracing implemented on time and budget, 100% integration with global LS&Co systems (SAP)
- ECOMM site ru.levi.com new relaunch in 2020, award-winning site, traffic Y/ Y +64,3%, placed orders +470,3%, conversion rate +247%, high-performance cloud server architecture CRM/Loyalty program 500K+ new customers registration in 2021/22, full integration with ECOMM and Retail operations
- OMNI channel projects Find in Store, Loyalty integration (SaaS), Reserve Online Pickup in Store Office Move (infrastructure) Server room (3 full racks) and LAN moved in 3 months for LS&Co office. **Projects:**
- ERP (FIN, WH, Logistics, Planning) implementation project
- ECOMM/OMNI Online Prepayments, Personalization, Buy Online Pickup in Store
- Mobile Engagement Application (including ECOMM, Loyalty, Discovery cards, and more) **Processes:**

Agile/SAFe process implementation for IT projects

VTB, Moscow, Russia

August 2019 - August 2020

Deputy Head of Division

Spearheaded the development and support of VTB bank's Corporate Business CRM and MDM systems, leading 12 cross-functional Agile teams (120+ personnel) to deliver solutions for 10,000+ internal users.

- **Delivered New Features** Implemented more than 10 vital features for CRM and MDM applications, enhancing business functionality and streamlining operator workflows.
- Increased operational efficiency: Streamlined development processes through the successful implementation of a new SDLC (JIRA, Confluence, etc.) aligning with the global bank initiative, resulting in a 10% reduction (USD \$1M) in annual outsourcing costs through open tender negotiations.
- Enhanced technological capabilities: Led the migration to a modern technology stack (Java, PostgreSQL, React, etc.), enabling future scalability and improved user experience.
- **Optimized team structure:** Established a two-stream Agile model with 12 cross-functional teams (PO, BA, QA, DEV) to ensure efficient project delivery aligned with business needs.

MARY KAY INC., Dallas, Texas

August 2018- August 2019

APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Offered technical leadership and supervised IT operations. Designed and implemented the IT development process to align with the company's strategic goals. Accountable for overseeing the overall management and performance of teams, including third-party resources.

MARY KAY INC., Moscow, Russia

January 2008 - August 2018

APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Recruited to provide technical leadership and manage IT activities around the Europe region. Develop and implement the IT development process in order to support the company's strategic objectives and be responsible for the overall management and performance of the teams including 3rd party resources.

Achievements:

- TOP 10 E-Commerce platforms developed and deployed to USA, LA and EMEA markets
- 10+ successfully implemented global projects related to E-Commerce, Mobile, Warehouse Management, and E-Business applications for the Europe and US region
- Strong distributed IT team of 50+ developers worldwide (US, Ukraine, Mexico, China, Korea, Russia)
- Trust and great relationship between the head office and CoE IT Team

DELL Computers, Moscow, Russia **DEVELOPMENT TEAM LEADER**

June 2003 - January 2008

Led distributed development teams across multiple DELL US/EMEA projects. Completed five big E-Commerce Enterprise projects.

EDUCATION

Moscow State Technical University Master, Computer Science (1994 - 2001)