PANKAJ BHARDWAJ

Engineering Manager | React Native | iOS | Android | Product Ownership

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Summary

Mobile technology leader with 13+ years of experience in architecting, building, and leading delivery of high-scale mobile and hybrid applications. Specialized in React Native, iOS, and Android, with a proven record of product ownership, driving app performance, and leading cross-functional PODs focused on user growth (DAU/MAU) and stability. Extensive hands-on experience in App Store / Play Store deployments, developer productivity tooling, and team building in agile environments.

Core Skills

React Native • Swift • Objective-C • Android • Mobile Architecture • CI/CD • App Store Deployment • Play Store Deployment • Docker • Jira • Agile • Git • Bitbucket • Cursor IDE • Windsurf IDE • Figma • App Performance Optimization • Analytics (DAU/MAU)

Experience

InfoEdge — Engineering Manager

Dec 2018 – Present (6+ Years)

India

Products: 99acres, BigShyft, Techminis

Key Ownership & Contributions:

- POD Lead for DAU/MAU growth and App Performance initiatives on 99acres app.
- Drove complete mobile frontend delivery for 99acres, collaborating across design, backend, and QA.
- · Led multiple app performance improvements, reducing load time and improving retention metrics.
- Oversaw App Store & Play Store deployments for multiple apps, managing signing, release notes, and phased rollouts.
- Built BigShyft iOS app from scratch using React Native, scaling it for premium job seekers.
- · Advocated adoption of Cursor and Windsurf IDEs for improved developer productivity.
- Introduced and maintained robust CI/CD pipelines, test automation, and analytics instrumentation.

Foodpanda India — Mobile Lead India

Sep 2016 – Dec 2018

Key Ownership & Contributions:

- Architected and launched the India-specific version of the Foodpanda iOS app from scratch.
- Responsible for all App Store submissions, OTA updates, and maintenance of hybrid (Objective-C + RN) codebase.
- Closely worked with product and design to iterate on features rapidly while ensuring app stability.

Amazon (Souq.com) — Senior Software Engineer Delhi

Sep 2015 – Sep 2016

Key Ownership & Contributions:

- Delivered multiple critical features for Soug iOS universal app, including Apple Watch integration.
- Contributed to major UX enhancements and internal performance metrics monitoring.
- · Participated in Play Store and App Store pipeline improvements with internal deployment tooling.

Previous Roles

- Aptara New Media Software Engineer (Jul 2014 Aug 2015)
- Q2A Media iOS App Developer (Mar 2013 Jul 2014)
- Stunner IT Solutions Software Developer (Jun 2012 Mar 2013)

Education

MCA — Lingayas Institute of Management & Technology, 2012 (79.2%) BCA — GNDU, 2009 (62.53%)

Project Highlights

- 99acres Led end-to-end delivery as POD Leader for DAU/MAU and performance. App Store
- BigShyft Built premium jobs app from scratch. App Store
- Meddo Health Health records and booking app, built from scratch. App Store
- Souq.com (Amazon) Universal iOS app. App Store
- Oxford Brazil App Educational book reader platform. YouTube
- Back Bite Game Cocos2d-based iPad game.
- iCombat HAIs WHO-compliant mobile audit application.