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Technical Program Manager with 5+ years experience leading priority and company-wide initiatives

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### **SENIOR TECHNICAL PROGRAM MANAGER**

Strategically-minded Senior Technical Program Manager with a proven track record in driving complex technical initiatives to successful outcomes. Proficient in program management, cross-functional team leadership, and agile methodologies, adept at influencing without authority, and fostering cohesive collaboration across diverse teams. Possesses extensive technical expertise in developer productivity, Jira Dashboards, product UI/UX, and software infrastructure, complemented by strong project management acumen and a commitment to delivering innovative solutions that align with organizational objectives.

### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

| Program Management       | Objectives & Key Results     | Influence without authority |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Issues & Risk Management | Driven Decision Making       | Team Building               |
| Complex Problem Solving  | Technical Project Management | Agile & Scrum Methodology   |

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

| Developer Productivity           | Software Infrastructure     | Smartsheets                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Atlassian: Jira Dashboards       | Jira filters                | Product Development         |
| Presentation Infrastructure      | Internationalization (i18n) | Microsoft 365               |
| Jira Advanced Roadmaps           | Confluence                  | Google Sheets & Google Docs |
| Cross-functional Team Leadership | Accessibility (A11y)        |                             |

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**



· March 2012 - Oct 2019 · 11 yrs 10 mos

# Sr Technical Program Manager

October 2019 - December 2023 · 4 yrs 3 mos

Oversaw the development, implementation, and co-dependencies of multiple projects and programs.

- Developed roadmap of a newer visual design language used at LinkedIn. Program management included working with Design, Product, & Engineering, and worked closely with stakeholders to ensure requirements and needs were being met in the roadmap.
- Engineered automation solutions and formulated spreadsheets to meticulously track estimates, calculating the sustaining load ratio, effectively identifying a critical 32-day underestimation by the team, and enabling the delivery of precise estimates to the VP and achieving targets on schedule.
- Spearheaded the development and deployment of an automated email newsletter, integrating weekly
  updates input by leads into spreadsheets, leveraging graphic design expertise to ensure user-friendly
  layouts across various platforms, and utilizing <u>forthic</u> open source language to generate data from Jira,
  spreadsheets, and Confluence wiki, resulting in a time-saving of 5 days per month.
- Instructed fellow program managers on the utilization of the automated email newsletter format, leading
  to its adoption in over 6 newsletters across multiple organizational units, enhancing communication
  efficiency and standardization of reporting practices.

 Orchestrated the comprehensive development of a build or buy research initiative aimed at enhancing developer productivity for all 23k workers, managing 4 cross-organizational teams to align efforts and objectives under a unified umbrella, resulting in a productivity product that would save \$8.4 million in engineering build costs and over \$2 million in ongoing maintenance costs.

# Technical Program Manager

August 2018 - October 2019 · 1 yr 3 mos

Orchestrated the planning, execution, and delivery of complex technical initiatives, drove cross-functional collaboration and ensured alignment with business objectives to advance the platform's technological capabilities and user experience.

- Strategized and streamlined multiple horizontal initiatives across all of LinkedIn and hundreds of teams, such
  as 3rd party software upgrades (like Java), which helped create improved efficiency in developer productivity
  and a significant reduction in maintenance overhead.
- Managed and created email campaigns and communications, which included creating privacy and notification settings. Campaigns created went out to millions of members on a daily basis, resulting in an increase in click through rates.

# Front-End UI Engineer / Web Developer

March 2012 - August 2018 · 6 yr 6 mos

Crafted engaging and intuitive user interfaces, implemented responsive designs, and optimized web performance to enhance the user experience on the LinkedIn platform.

- Launched LinkedIn China for the first time on the **International (i18n)** & China team, which **led to millions of new users** and revenue stream.
- Launched Arabic language version of the website. Oversaw conversion of all LinkedIn pages to convert to read **Right-to-Left (RTL)** for Arabic thus expanding the platform's accessibility and global reach.
- Collaborated with the "New LinkedIn Profile" team to pioneer full usage of the new JS templating system we adopted, **dust.js**, instead of JSP.
- Cleaned up CSS to use **SASS** and SASSy in-house mixins and Compass mixins.
- Pursued the ideal standardization of visuals, design, typography, and other standardization modules with Design & Product.
- Had lots of fun collaborating with a rockstar team of exceptionally talented and engaging colleagues, fostering a vibrant and stimulating work environment at Linkedin.

#### **EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS**

# **University of California, Santa Cruz**

Computer Engineering

#### **Scrum Alliance**

Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO) Class & Certification · March 2019 - January 2022 Project Management Professional (PMP) Class · April 2019

# Coursera

Project Management: The Basics for Success · January 2017

#### **VOLUNTEER**

- TechWomen Mentor
- LinkedIn Women in Tech council member
- EnableIn council member (Group to represent physical and mental disabilities.)