Katie Smillie

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iOS developer with a product mindset and 7 years of startup experience. Obsessed with user experience, metrics, and poetic code.

WORK EXPERIENCE

iOS Developer (Contract) - Lono

Oct 2015 - May 2016

- Rewrote smart sprinkler controller app in Swift and decreased crash rate from 10% to .07% of all sessions.
- Refactored complicated view hierarchy to separate concerns between model, controller, and views.
- Designed new algorithm for scheduling logic to bring client-side user experience in sync with hardware and simplified the logic to improve performance and ship the app sooner.
- Advocated for and implemented in-app analytics and NPS survey collection to gather user insights.

Senior Product Manager - Kitchensurfing

Sep 2013 - Nov 2014

- Kitchensurfing is an online marketplace that brings professional chefs to your home.
- Led a team of designers and engineers through Pivotal-style product sprints on web and mobile.
- Introduced user research and usability testing as a critical component of product design.

Product Manager - Miso

Jun 2010 - Jan 2013

- Defined roadmap and led sprints for new product development on web and mobile social TV apps.
- Championed user research and conducted hundreds of interviews to test and refine UX.

Product Marketing - SocialMedia.com

Oct 2009 - May 2010

Developed product positioning and wrote content to show value of social advertising products.

Researcher - Forrester Research

Feb 2007 - Oct 2009

- Wrote highly-rated research reports for application development professionals.
- Designed surveys on tech adoption and managed a research panel of 500+ IT execs.
- Interviewed hundreds of IT executives to understand market trends.

PROJECTS

RoundTrip - MTA / 2015 / Swift code

My first iPhone app, created to teach myself Swift and to help New Yorkers manage their MetroCard.

Dear Future / 2014

An app for sending message into the future to yourself or someone you love.

The Question Project / 2013

My first Ruby on Rails app, to help me be more reflective by answering a daily question with a friend.

WRITING

From Zero to Swift in 30 Days

User Research Is The Most Important Thing You're Not Doing

EDUCATION

School For Poetic Computation - Spring 2015

Claremont McKenna College - Economics & Political Science 2005, Varsity Track & Field

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Swift / iOS, Ruby on Rails, Heroku, GIT, openFrameworks, Adobe Illustrator, Sketch, Omnigraffle