

# Kiran Pathakota

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Program Management leader with over a decade of experience driving consumer electronics and software products from concept to market. Proven track record of implementing effective program management processes, leading cross-functional teams, and managing complex product development cycles.

## Professional Experience

**Founder, Principal** | Agni Trifecta Consulting, Seattle, WA | **Mar 2022 - Present**

- Program management, product visioning and strategic planning for several companies at different stages (early seed to public small cap).
- Product consulting leveraging Bluetooth, Firmware, and Marketing expertise.

**Co-founder** | Dendron (YC W21), Seattle, WA | **Mar 2021 – Feb 2022**

- Raised \$2M seed round to execute on our vision of note-taking for developers.
- Scaled company to 10 employees. Built product, engineering, and growth team.
- Defined strategic vision, public roadmap and execution plan for complex open source product.

**Technical Program Manager** | Oculus, Meta, Seattle, WA | **Jun 2020 – Mar 2021**

- Drove cross-functional feature development of mobile app for Ray-Ban Stories.
- Defined and ensured adoption of a hybrid methodology to ensure the app team stayed agile while still meeting hardware commitments and timelines.
- Lead the connectivity tiger team responsible for stabilizing app, Bluetooth and Wifi connection.

**Senior Technical Program Manager** | Emerging Devices, Amazon, Seattle, WA | **Apr 2017 – Jun 2020**

- Lead cross-team software development on v1 Echo Loop. Defined roadmap and handled key escalations across Amazon devices executive.
- Volunteered time to train teams across Amazon on “Scrum at Amazon” methodology.
- Managed key Realtek (chipset supplier) and Goertek (ODM) engagements and led several onsite workshops. Traveled onsite supporting factory firmware lockdown war room.
- Product and Program founder for Alexa mobile accessories kit (now Alexa on-the-go).

**Program Manager** | Bluetooth Team, Microsoft, Redmond, WA | **May 2012 – Mar 2017**

- Defined and drove execution for Windows Bluetooth developer experience for 2 years.
- Represented Bluetooth @//Build/ talks each year (2015-16).
- Developed key relationships with partners (e.g., Ford, Toyota, Kia, Intel, Qualcomm).

## Notable engagements and related interests

**Program and Product Management**, Vizio Corp.

Advisor to CPO. Vizio voice product strategy and partner management (Google/ Amazon).

**Growth and Product Strategy**, Sift

Advisor to CEO. Drove core product changes across Sales, Marketing, UX, and Product.

**Founder**, Travelling Village

Founding core of the group. Orchestrated 19 families traveling across southeast Asia and Japan.

**Governance studies**, Yak Collective (organization of independent consultants)

Lead study group focused on distributed governance protocols and related case studies.

## Education

**Rice University**, Houston, TX, **BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering**

**GPA: 4.05**, Magna Cum Laude, President’s Honor Roll, Specialization: Signals & Systems