## Ben Kaplan

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Professional Experience Mos - San Francisco, CA

Senior Product Manager & First PM

 $\mathbf{Apr}\ \mathbf{2022} - \mathbf{Dec}\ \mathbf{2022}$ 

- Mos is a series B, Sequoia-backed, fintech startup focused on helping students build their finances
- Built and shipped several innovative banking features, such as debit card rewards, joint accounts for minors and their parents, external account funding, and cash advances
- Iterated on the early user experience, ultimately increasing D7 account funding rates by 80%
- Shaped the company's PM hiring process, later interviewing and hiring PMs and designers
- Helped develop Mos' product culture, emphasizing first principles thinking and intention, rapid iteration, and intellectual honesty

## Zynga Poker, Zynga - San Francisco, CA

Senior Product Manager

Mar 2021 - Apr 2022

- Owned the end-to-end development of and shipped Zynga Poker's competitive feature, Leagues:
  World Champions
  - Leagues: World Champions was designed by leveraging learnings from proven competitive systems across the gaming industry, consumer insights, and user data
  - Achieved double-digit lifts to engagement, payer conversion, and ARPU
  - This feature is now used as a blueprint for other competitive features across Zynga titles
- Owned Zynga Poker's anti-fraud roadmap and strategy. Developed features and tools to prevent poker chips from being generated and sold to users through automated activity
  - Reduced daily illicit currency generation and transfer by over 99.9% without creating a negative experience for users

Product Manager

July 2019 - Feb 2021

- Owned Zynga Poker's payer lifecycle, merchandising, and related experimentation efforts

Project Mayhem & Minecraft Infected - Pittsburgh, PA

www.minecraft-infected.com

CEO & Founder

Sep 2014 – Mar 2021

- Project Mayhem and Minecraft Infected are multiplayer gaming communities
- In the first two years, generated over \$150,000 in revenue and 450,000 unique users
- Built and lead a team of over 20 moderators, developers, and game designers
- Designed games and features, managed the roadmap, and developed the growth strategy
- Features include: Battle Pass, Challenges, Level-based Progression, Login Streaks
- Worked with the community to raise \$16,000 for BLM and BLM-adjacent causes in June 2020

## Battle.net Mobile, Blizzard Entertainment - Irvine, CA

Program Manager Intern

May 2018 – Aug 2018

Zynga Poker, Zynga - San Francisco, CA

Product Manager Intern

 $\mathbf{May}\ \mathbf{2017} - \mathbf{Aug}\ \mathbf{2017}$ 

EDUCATION Carnegie Mellon University - Pittsburgh, PA

Bachelor of Science in Decision Science, with Honors

Aug 2015 - May 2019

End the Rain: Founded an organization with the goal of creating free-to-use, automated, umbrella dispensers for the Carnegie Mellon community and raised \$10,000 for R&D and implementation.
 Pittsburgh local news clip: https://youtu.be/jF\_zNlm0cr0