**Motivation for shifting Product Management**

* **Cross – functional collaboration –** I have worked closely with Product Managers and Engineering managers to align technical development with business goals. This shows I can have the ability to bridge technical and business perspectives, essentials for a PM.
* **Leadership and Ownership –** I have spearheaded the development of key microservices, from ideation to integration. This demonstrates my ability to ownership of projects and guide them to success.
* **Problem-Solving and Innovation –** I have participated in multiple hackathons, and did also win a hackathon at Blackhawk Network, where I built a fitness-based reward system for users in Blackhawk. I was also nominated for the Bright Beginner award at Checkpoint Systems.
* **Entrepreneurial Experience -** I have managed and led operations for a Furniture business, which had stores in two different cities, in India. This is where I learned how important a customer is, and what exactly is customer empathy. I also learned to manage things and enhanced my communication skills. Handling different types of customer requests, also improved my decision-making abilities, essential for a PM.
* **Technical Expertise –** I have strong technical expertise in technologies like Java, Springboot, and distributed systems, which allows me to understand and communicate effectively with engineering teams, ensuring that technical feasibility aligns with product goals.