Simon Nordberg

Software, Strategy, and Execution

Entrepreneurship



Hackerman AB, Founder

Dec 2016 - Present



Gomorron Östersund, Cofounder & partner

Jan 2017 - Nov 2020



Brightn AB, Co-founder & CTO Jun 2014 - Apr 2019

Education



Master of Science, Computing Science

Umeå University, 1999 - 2004

Fun facts

Outdoor aficionado

Happiest outside, I spend my free time running, skiing and mountainbiking.

Non-fiction book worm

Love to read and learn; science, philosophy, psychology, medicine, arts, economics etc.

Beer brewer

Hoppy NEIPAs are my favorite.

Professional aspirations

I'm a tech generalist and problem-solver who's built products, led teams, started companies, and untangled tech messes for 20+ years. While I've been a CTO and a manager, I prefer high-impact IC roles where I can blend strategy, tech, and stakeholder wrangling.

I learn fast, thrive in pragmatic environments, and have a reputation for making things work (without unnecessary meetings).

Experience



Volvo Cars, Product Manager (contract)

Jan 2024 - current



Wolters Kluwer, Architect (contract)

Mar 2023 - Sep 2023



Spotify

May 2019 - Sep 2022

Principal Product Manager

Jan 2022 - Sep 2022

Senior Product Manager

May 2019 - Jan 2022



ATG, Product Manager (contract)

Mar 2018 - Apr 2019



Sysarb, Advisor (contract)

Feb 2018 - Jun 2019



Urb-it

Jun 2015 - Jun 2017

CTO (interim, contract)

Jan 2017 - Jun 2017

Product Manager (contract)

May 2016 - Jan 2017

Software Engineer & Architect (contract)

Jun 2015 - May 2016



Adeprimo, Software Engineer & Architect

Nov 2008 - Jun 2014



Ibitec, Software Engineer & Architect

Nov 2007 - Nov 2008



Roxen Internet Software, Software Engineer

Aug 2006 - Nov 2007



Exsitec, Technical Consultant

May 2004 - Aug 2006



Ericsson, Master's Thesis

May 2003 - Sep 2003



UKD Distans, Head Teacher

Dec 1999 - Mar 2003



Utfors, NOC Technician

May 2000 - Aug 2002

More about me

I have spent the past 20 years in various technology and product roles. I have started several companies. I have been a CTO. I have been an individual contributor and a manager. I have been a consultant working with companies in a wide range of industries. I have worked in product companies and agencies. If I am to go by the feedback I get; I am a trusted leader with strong technical, people and strategic skills.

I love learning and improving. I have come to acknowledge this as one of my core qualities. I am able to quickly get up to speed and be productive in a new environment.

Personally, I am a devoted trail- and ultra runner, downhill skier, mountainbiker, and self-improvement nerd.

Experience, in more detail



Volvo Cars, Product Manager (contract)

Contract, Jan 2024 - current Gothenburg, Stockholm, Remote Led a team building a declarative infrastructure platform, enabling a unified approach to managing platform resources and improving the developer experience. Drove product strategy for a new department and coached platform leaders on fostering an effective product development culture for infrastructure and platform teams. Worked across multiple teams to align technical and strategic initiatives.

Tech stack: Azure, AWS, Kubernetes, Java, .NET Core



Wolters Kluwer, Architect (contract)

Contract, Mar 2023 - Sep 2023 Gothenburg, Remote Supported the leadership team across CTO, Architecture, and Operations domains. Led technology strategy, org design, and process improvements to enhance delivery and technical excellence. Defined architecture principles, patterns, and governance for the next-generation web platform. Improved reliability, performance, observability, and incident management for operational resilience.

Tech stack: Azure, C#, .NET Core



Spotify, Principal Product Manager

Full-time, Jan 2022 - Sep 2022 New York, Stockholm, Remote Led the Cloud Storage Product Area, managing a portfolio of storage and database solutions that enabled Spotify's R&D teams to build and deploy stateful workloads at scale. Managed a global team of senior product managers, driving developer productivity while balancing reliability, performance, and cost.

Also served as strategy lead for company-wide platform productivity and business continuity initiatives, impacting all developers.

Tech stack: GCP, AWS, Bigtable, Cassandra, Elasticsearch, Java, Python, Kubernetes



Spotify, Senior Product Manager

Full-time. May 2019 - Jan 2022 New York, Stockholm, Remote

Managed storage and database platform teams, driving improvements in developer productivity, reliability. performance, and cost. Additionally contributed to teams focused on configuration management and backend service foundations, enhancing developer experience for backend engineers.

Tech stack: GCP, AWS, Bigtable, Cassandra, Elasticsearch, Java, Python, Kubernetes



ATG, Product Manager (contract)

Contract, Mar 2018 - Apr 2019 Stockholm

Led the productization of cloud and messaging services to enhance developer productivity and operational efficiency. Defined product strategy, roadmap, compliance, and quality assurance.

Established a governance model for AWS access, providing teams with SSO, aggregated billing, logging, policy enforcement, auditing, and VPN connectivity. Designed and developed an Infrastructure-as-Code framework (Python) for self-service provisioning and application-level messaging configuration on the Solace platform.

Tech stack: AWS, Kubernetes, Networking, Solace (Appliance & VMR), Python, Golang, SAN

Sysarb, Advisor (contract)

Contract. Feb 2018 - Jun 2019 Arboga, Stockholm, Remote

Advised on product and technology strategy as part of the management team, supporting Sysarb's vision of achieving workplace equality for its customers.

Tech stack: AWS, Azure, .NET

Urb-it, CTO (contract)

urb-it Contract, Jan 2017 - Jun 2017 Stockholm

Led engineering, product management, UX, system integration, and test teams. Served on the executive team, driving product and company strategy.

Tech stack: iOS, Android, JavaScript, .NET, AWS, Azure

urb-it

Urb-it, Product Manager (contract)

Contract, May 2016 - Jan 2017 Stockholm

Managed a suite of four native mobile apps (iOS & Android) for consumers, merchants, and couriers. Led two development teams—one co-located and one distributed across two continents—to drive product development and delivery.

Tech stack: iOS, Android, Objective-C, Swift, Java, Kotlin

urb-it

Urb-it, Software Engineer & Architect (contract)

Contract, Jun 2015 - May 2016 Stockholm Designed and developed three iOS apps for customers, merchants, and couriers, ensuring scalability and a seamless user experience.

Tech stack: Objective-C, Swift, Storyboard, MVVM

adeprimo

Adeprimo, Software Engineer & Architect

Full-time, Nov 2008 - Jun 2014 Östersund Established and evolved development and architectural best practices across internal and client projects. Led software engineering efforts across diverse industries, including media, e-commerce, and tourism. Acted as a team lead and agile advocate, driving the company's transition to more effective product development methodologies.

Tech stack: Java, Objective-C, Scala, Python, Ruby, MongoDB, RabbitMQ, JavaScript, Linux, AWS

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Ibitec, Software Engineer & Architect

Full-time, Nov 2007 - Nov 2008 Linköping, Stockholm Specialized in enterprise Java applications on JBoss and WebSphere, delivering solutions for government, military, and insurance clients. Established architectural guidelines within the company and served as an instructor for Sun Microsystems' Enterprise Java courses (FJ-310, SL-351).

Tech stack: Java, JavaScript, J2EE, JavaEE, WebSphere, MySQL, Oracle, Linux, Scrum, RUP

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Roxen Internet Software, Developer

Full-time, Aug 2006 - Nov 2007 Linköping Developed features for Roxen Editorial Portal, a webbased multichannel publishing tool for the media industry.

Tech stack: Pike, C, Linux, MySQL, XSLT, Scrum

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Exsitec, Technical Consultant

Full-time, May 2004 - Aug 2006 Linköping, Stockholm Designed and implemented custom solutions for Movex ERP, from integrations to full application suites. Gained deep expertise in the IBM iSeries platform through consultancy and training on Linux on iSeries, iSeries LPAR, and SQL.

Tech stack: Java, JavaScript, iSeries, OS/400, DB2, Movex



Ericsson, Master's Thesis

Full-time, May 2003 - Sep 2003 Stockholm Master's thesis entitled 3G IPv6 Node Emulator. Designed and implemented a Gateway GPRS Support Node (GGSN) with IPv6 support for 3G end-to-end terminal testing. Developed in C/C++ and Python on *BSD, Linux, and Solaris, including modifications to the FreeBSD kernel and IPv6 stack.

Tech stack: C, C++, Linux, FreeBSD



UKD Distans, Head Teacher Part-time, Dec 1999 - Mar 2003 Umeå, Malung

Taught high school students programming in C, C++, SQL, and Visual Basic in a part-time role.

Tech stack: C, C++, SQL, Visual Basic



Utfors, NOC Technician

vtfors# Part-time, May 2000 - Aug 2002 Uppsala, Stockholm

Managed core and customer networks, handling infrastructure configuration, monitoring, and operations.

Tech stack: Solaris, Linux, Cisco, Juniper

Entrepreneurship, in more detail



Hackerman AB, Founder

Dec 2016 - Present Gothenburg, Remote Provided product and technology consulting services. Conducted research in areas such as AI, and game engines.



Gomorron Östersund, Cofounder & partner

Jan 2017 - Nov 2020 Östersund. Remote

Led product strategy and digital presence for a creative coworking space supporting startups and entrepreneurs. Also ensured top-quality coffee.



Brightn AB, Co-founder & CTO

Jun 2014 - Apr 2019 Örebro, Östersund, Remote Built and launched a digital platform enabling retailers to connect with customers, reducing reliance on printed discount flyers and improving engagement efficiency.

Tech stack: Objective-C, Swift, Java, JavaScript, Ruby, Python, Machine Learning, AWS