

Stefano Leone

Product Manager



As an adept Product Manager, I specialize in harmonizing UX design, business acumen, and technology, with a particular focus on AI and Blockchain technologies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

IOHK Singapore ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (CURRENT, FROM JAN 2022) **Product Manager (Certification Program)**

IOHK is a leading blockchain research and engineering company, specializing in high-assurance blockchain infrastructure solutions for public, private sector, and government clients. The company is fully decentralized and committed to academic rigour and evidence-based software development. It is also the driving force behind Cardano, a decentralized and smart contract platform.

Achievements/Tasks

- Conceptualized, developed, launched and currently leading the DApp Certification Program, aligning with the company's vision to empower a decentralized ecosystem.
- Advance Formal Verification Research: Collaborate with experts to innovate in formal verification.
- Launched the Certification Working Group: Establish an independent Cardano Certification WG for collaboration and standardization.
- Pricing Strategy: Develop a strategic pricing model aligned with market demands and company objectives.
- AI Integration: Champion internal AI knowledge sharing, integrating machine learning and open LLMs into our product roadmap.

B3i Services AG ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (APR 2020 – AUG 2021) **Product Manager / Product Owner**

B3i is a startup which explores the use of Distributed Ledger Technologies within the (re-)insurance industry for the benefit of all stakeholders in the value chain.

Achievements/Tasks

- Envisioned and led the complete lifecycle of the B3i Product, from ideation to its strategic evolution, aligning with industry needs.
- Defining Components and Features from the ideation to the development phase, driving the Teams and Projects setup for the delivery.
- Coordinated a cross-functional team, driving a 20% increase in project delivery efficiency and ensuring alignment with strategic objectives.
- Prioritizing the Team Backlog to streamline the Scrum execution while maintaining the conceptual and technical integrity of the Features or components for the team.
- Establishing and Maintaining customer user groups engaged and updated throughout the development cycle.

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EDUCATION

2022/2023 **Product Management Academy**

Tepper School of Business
Carnegie Mellon University

1996/2001 **Bachelor's and Master's in Computer Science**

FULL MARK DEGREE
Department of Physics
University of Milan, Italy

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages

Solidity, Java, Javascript, Rust, OCaml, Python.

Development Tools and Libraries

Artificial Intelligence: Skilled in clustering algorithms, NLP with open LLMs, and Python-based automated workflows.

SIDE PROJECTS

AI for Product Pioneers Newsletter 2023 – Present

- Newsletter Editor.
- Weekly insights for Product Managers focused on AI.
- <https://bit.ly/AI4ProductPioneers>

Advisor Sep 2021 – Present

- Advise on Product Management, AI, and Blockchain; mentor startups within incubators.
- Founder of AllThingsBlockchain.tech
- Co-founder of SmoothieLab.tech

Ethereum Milano Community 2016 – Present

- Founded and cultivated the Ethereum Milano Community, leading a series of monthly meetups and driving engagement, with the community growing to 2,200+ active members, the most vibrant in Italy.
- <https://bit.ly/EthereumMilano>

WatchOut! Wallet for Smartwatches 2015 – 2022

- Conceptualized, developed, and launched the WatchOut! app for high-end Garmin sport watches, providing users with an innovative solution to store loyalty cards and flight passes on-the-go.
- The launch led to a rapid adoption rate, amassing 40,000 users across 70+ countries within two years.
- A vibrant user base that collaboratively shares tips and addresses common issues.

MILAN, ITALY (JUN 2017 – MAR 2020)

Deloitte Consulting

Chief Technology Officer, Blockchain Lab

Deloitte is the world's largest consulting firm with 350k+ employees worldwide.

Achievements/Tasks

- Spearheaded and mentored a team of 10 software engineers, establishing and steering Deloitte's Blockchain Lab in Italy.
- Developed Stable Coin for Euro, a UTXO dataset based wallet and Blockchain, forked from Bitcoin source code.
- Conducted an analysis for a Formal Verification Tool for Solidity Smart Contracts in collaboration with the Polytechnic University of Milan.
- Championed Product Management initiatives, Compliance, Proof of Concepts, rapid prototyping, ERC20 and NFTs, as well as DeFi protocols.
- Cultivated partnerships with leading universities and the fintech ecosystem, resulting in five collaborative research projects.
- As a University Lecturer on Blockchains, delivered multiple lectures on Bitcoin and Ethereum at two prominent universities.

MILAN, ITALY (SEP 2011 – MAY 2017)

Lynx SpA

Full Stack Software Engineer

Lynx Group is an international consulting firm active in the IT field of the Banking sector

Achievements/Tasks

- Clients served included Intesa Sanpaolo, UniCredit, CheBanca!, ICBPI, Esperia Bank, Banco Popolare and Diebold.

MILAN, ITALY (JAN 2010 – AUG 2011)

I AM Sport Events and Consulting

Co-Founder

A fitness and endurance sports startup that focused on managing races, elite and age-group athletic events, and collaborating with charities in Europe.

MILAN, ITALY (JUL 2003 – DEC 2009)

Devoteam

Full Stack Software Engineer / Project Director

Devoteam is a leading consulting with 8000+ employees across Europe and the Middle East.

MILAN, ITALY (JAN 2001 – JUN 2003)

Etnoteam

Software Engineer

Etnoteam was an Italian IT and telecommunications pioneer in digital transformation and innovation.

CERTIFICATIONS

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| SEPT 2024 | Multi AI Agent Systems with crewAI <i>DeepLearning.AI</i> |
| JAN 2024 | AI Product Management Bootcamp <i>Maven</i> |
| OCT 2023 | Advanced AI Product Management with Technical Deep Dive <i>Maven</i> |
| SEP 2023 | Building AI-powered Products 101 <i>Maven</i> |
| JUL 2023 | LangChain for LLM Application Development <i>DeepLearning.AI</i> |
| MAY 2023 | ChatGPT Prompt Engineering for Developers <i>DeepLearning.AI</i> |
| AUG 2022 | Advanced Product Management: Vision, Strategy and Metrics <i>Udemy</i> |
| OCT 2021 | The Rust Programming Language <i>Udemy</i> |
| SEP 2021 | Strategic Partnerships: Ecosystems and Platforms <i>Udemy</i> |
| SEP 2021 | Agile Product Owner Role: Foundations <i>Udemy</i> |
| MAY 2019 | Google Cloud Platform Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure <i>Google</i> |
| FEB 2017 | Certified Bitcoin Professional <i>C4</i> |
| JUL 2016 | The Complete Ethereum Course <i>Udemy</i> |

LANGUAGES

ENGLISH Professional Proficiency

ITALIAN Native

INTERESTS

AI, Blockchain, Space Exploration, DeFi, Sports, Astronomy, Digital Identity.

REFERENCES

References available on request