

Stefano Leone

Product Manager



I am a seasoned PM with deep expertise and passion in AI and Blockchain.



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WORK EXPERIENCE

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (CURRENT, FROM JAN 2022)

IOHK Singapore *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 and led the end-to-end launch of 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 for enhanced blockchain security.
- Launch 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 and spearhead its integration into our product roadmap.

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND (APR 2020 – AUG 2021)

B3i Services AG *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.

EDUCATION

2022 – 2023

Product Management Academy
Tepper School of Business
Carnegie Mellon University

1996 – 2001

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
FULL MARK DEGREE
Department of Physics
University of Milan, Italy

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages

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

Development Tools

Google Colab.

SIDE PROJECTS

Tech and Strategic Advisor Sep 2021 – Present

- Supporting businesses with strategic advice in Blockchain, NFT, Metaverse, DeFi technologies and use cases.
- 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>

AI for Product Pioneers Newsletter 2023 – Present

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

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

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

CERTIFICATIONS

SEP 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>
JUL 2020	Corda Certified Developer <i>Corda</i>
MAY 2019	Google Cloud Platform Fundamentals: Core Infrastructure <i>Google</i>
	Agile Scrum Master Certificate <i>Deloitte</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

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

REFERENCES

References available on request