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SUMMARY

Software design specialist with 4+ years of experience in product management, marketing, and software development roles. Customer-focused and detail-oriented with a technical background and a passion for delivering engaging digital experiences. I am looking for a role within a high performing team where I can contribute across a variety of functions spanning client engagement and digital / technical enablement of high impact solutions.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Product Manager

Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2023

Lexir

Paris, France (Remote)

Lexir is a B2B distribution and e-commerce SaaS platform for craft wine and spirit brands. It enables brands from around the world to enter the European market in a simplified way, providing tools and support for importation, warehousing, e-commerce integrations, last-mile delivery, analytics, and local sales partner connections.

- Led the development and release of Lexir's brand dashboard and e-commerce platform
- Built the go-to-market strategy, product roadmap, and developed key brand messaging
- Conducted user research, A/B tested, and translated requirements for a design and dev team of 5
- Regularly met with client brands and used their insights to improve Lexir's offerings
- Created and managed marketing campaigns across multiple channels including email, social media, ads, blogs, events, SEO, influencer marketing, and community outreach
- Grew the client base by 8x and scaled the platform from 1 market to 6 markets in Europe
- Reduced implementation costs by 60% by streamlining development methods

Product Manager

Sept. 2018 – Apr. 2019

Pedal Patrol

Kingston, Ontario

- Led a cross-functional team, designing and developing a working prototype for a mobile app that reunites cyclists with their stolen bikes through crowdsourcing. Built with React Native for iOS and Android.
- Managed the team and client through the full product lifecycle from ideation to delivery
- The prototype was transitioned to a non-profit in Vancouver to continue its development

Content Strategist

Apr. 2018 – Mar. 2019

QHacks

Kingston, Ontario

- Developed and implemented marketing strategies for the biggest university event post-orientation week, attracting 1200+ applicants and \$100k+ in sponsorships
- Led external communications of the brand, writing and editing copy for the website, dashboard, handbooks, emails, and ads
- Created the brand's first content style guide used by a team of 20 (and still used today)

Software Developer

May 2018 – Dec. 2018

Orange Gate Consulting

Toronto, Ontario

- Spearheaded a new company department researching and developing new applications for consumer robots. As a result, Orange Gate shifted its business focus to robot applications which are used in the financial services and automotive industries
- Created wireframes, user flows, and scripts based on leading practices in visual and conversational UX
- Built functional prototypes with Java, Kotlin, XML, JavaScript, and Node.js, using agile methodologies
- Presented prototypes to C-Suite client executives in Canada and the USA

Grabb Mobile

Kingston, Ontario

- Promoted a new food-ordering application expanding into a new market
- Increased adoption and customer engagement through campus events and social media
- Met with restaurant owners to discuss online ordering solutions for their locations

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Queen’s University

2015 – 2019

Bachelor of Computing, Computer Science, Specialization in Software Design

Kingston, ON

- Teaching Assistant: Artificial Intelligence (CISC 352)
- Marketing Commissioner: Computing Students’ Association

Smith School of Business at Queen’s University

2016 – 2020

Certificate in Business

Kingston, ON

BrainStation Toronto

2023 – 2024

UX Design Certificate

Toronto, ON

SKILLS

- Technical Skills: Python, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Java, React.js, Node.js, Git, SQL, Jira, Confluence, Figma, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe XD, Microsoft Suite
- Other Skills: Data Analysis, Wireframing, Prototyping, Agile Development, Roadmapping, UX Design, Product Lifecycle Management, Marketing Communications, Copywriting, Public Speaking

ADDITIONAL INFO

- Current Side Project: Building a skate rental inventory tracking system and customer portal for a local community skating club
- Awards:
 - People’s Choice in Human-Computer Interaction – Queen’s Creative Computing Showcase (2018)
 - Top 4 Hack – Hack the Six (2017)
- Fun Achievements:
 - Game Show Winner – Splatalot
 - Silver Medalist – Canada East Short Track Speed Skating Championship
 - Guinness World Record – Largest Rubik’s Cube Mosaic