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Product manager with an engineering background
and a passion for craftsmanship, experienced in shipping mobile & Mac apps at scale.

💼 Experience

Microsoft, Office for Mac and Mobile

Program Manager 2 Remote in Vancouver, BC   2018 – Present
- Launched <u>Office app on iOS</u> and revamping Word, Excel and PowerPoint for uniquely mobile scenarios. Defining product vision and managing across PM, design, data science, engineering and marketing partners located in India, China and USA.
- Partnering with Apple for iPad enterprise growth (MAD up 40% YoY).
- Driving core UX for Office on iOS & macOS. Working on Start, push notifications, @mentions and comments to increase collaboration (usage up 3x).
- Coaching early-in-career PMs. Allyship lead for Vancouver.

Program Manager Redmond, WA   2016 – 2018
- Incubated an AR+VR Office product, managing user research, design and development (NPS 70). Direct approval by Satya Nadella for productization. Received patent.
- Office Accessibility lead for iOS & macOS. Lead partnership with Apple to improve VoiceOver usability. Achieved <u>App Store feature</u> and unblocked $10M+ business deals.
- Drove the iOS 11 update for Office and marketing partnership with Apple.

Program Manager Intern Redmond, WA   Summer 2015
Added support for right-to-left language UI in Word, Excel & PowerPoint for iOS.

Symantec, Norton for Mac
Software Developer Intern Los Angeles, CA   Jan – Sep 2014
Refactored remote management components and built GUI tools.

🎓 Education

UCLA, B.S. in Computer Science   2012 – 2015
- President, Association for Computing Machinery. Ran committee of 12. Increased funding 4x, membership 20→200 and event attendance 6x.
- Creative Director, LA Hacks
- Product Manager, Daily Bruin & Bruinwalk

🛠 Skills & Life

Photoshop, Obj-C, C++, Sketch. Powerlifter. Lived in 16 cities.

📣 Press & Talks

WWDC: Worked with Apple to demo <u>Word in Apple keynote</u> by Craig Federighi
Press: Co-wrote <u>Medium article</u> for redesign of Microsoft mobile apps (<u>The Verge</u>)
Press: Dark Mode support in Office for Mac (<u>The Verge</u>, <u>Engadget</u> & 40+ outlets)
Press: iOS 11 Update for Word, Excel and PowerPoint on iOS (<u>ArsTechnica</u>)
Patent: VR device with modes for document viewing & editing (403638-US-NP)
Talk: CSUN 2019 Office 365 Accessibility & Boost productivity with MS mobile apps