VINAYAK VEDANTAM

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- EDUCATION -

INDIANA UNIVERSITY | SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS AND COMPUTING, BLOOMINGTON, IN

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

Specialization: Systems
Honors: Highest Distinction (top 1% of graduating class)

GPA: 3.93/4.0

May 2017

- WORK EXPERIENCE -

META (FORMERLY FACEBOOK), MENLO PARK, CA

August 2020 - Present

Product Manager

• PRODUCT: BUSINESS INTEGRITY > AFTER CONVERSION EXPERIENCES (ACE)

- o Solely owned product vision, strategy, and execution for protecting buyers after purchasing from Meta's e-commerce platforms.
- o Managed a team of 30 engineers, data scientists, designers, and product specialists to reducing measured negative post-purchase experiences for FB and IG Shops, a key company priority.
- O Drove strategy and execution for a cross-org, multi-half seller performance program that is expected to reduce negative post-purchase experiences on FB and IG Shops by 50% by the end of H1 2023.
- o Utilized machine learning models to increase speed and recall of our enforcement signals and reduce negative experiences.

Zynga, San Francisco, CA

August 2017 - August 2020

Senior Product Manager

• PRODUCT: THE WIZARD OF OZ MAGIC MATCH

- o Rebalanced the in-game economy by collaborating closely with engineering and QA to change feature rewards and introduce new power-ups in order to reduce free currency inflows and push users to complete harder tasks and participate in longer-term features.
- o Built new store and sales systems that allowed for A/B testing of price points and more flexible user segmentation.
- O Planned and managed the entire live operations cadence including new events, holiday giveaways, and sales in order to keep users engaged and hit quarterly revenue targets.

• PRODUCT: WILLY WONKA'S WORLD OF CANDY

- o Designed a "Daily Level" feature that 51% of players engaged in on a daily basis and drove DUU/WUU daily engagement.
- O Combatted engagement softness by creating a "skip animations" feature and a "move directly to next level" feature that cut wait times between levels by up to 80% and drove a 15% increase in level attempts per day.
- o Created and tested the first sales strategy for the new game which increased revenue per user by up to 18%.

• PRODUCT: HIT IT RICH! SLOTS

- Oversaw live operations for an \$80M/year game, improved process flows to cut down live operation setup time from 2 hours/day to 15 minutes/day, and created engaging story-based challenges for players that increased core engagement by 5-10% per event.
- Initiated an economy analysis and restructured the purchase values in Hit It Rich based on a quantile-analysis of player spend behavior; results showed up to a 30% lift in revenue per user.

DRIZZLE LABS, INC., BLOOMINGTON, IN

December 2014 – February 2017

Product Manager/Co-Founder

- Worked with and convinced a team of senior venture capitalists to invest a \$290,000 seed round in my Android messaging startup.
- Drove over 80,000 user downloads between our apps by reaching out to tech blogs and news sites, providing quality customer service, and innovating on features that increased user retention.

• PRODUCT: DRIZZLE APPS - DRIZZLE SMS, DRIZZLE CLOCK, DRIZZLE CASH, DRIZZLE REWARDS

- Hired and managed an 15-person team to build an SMS app that could compete with pre-loaded Android SMS apps, pay users, and grow quickly.
- Focused on improving our paid acquisition and building retention-targeting features to mitigate user churn and maintain a user base of 10,000 daily active users.
- o Conceptualized, designed, and developed an Android alarm clock application that paid users to wake up via ad revenue.
- o Responded to complaints that our payment system was too hard to navigate by redesigning it from the ground up to provide a streamlined checkout process and promote higher-paying rewards.

• PRODUCT: DASH SMS/MESSENGER

- Specced, prototyped, and managed development of a hybrid SMS and instant messenger application that garnered 4,000 installs in its first day.
- o Released industry first features for a social messaging/SMS app including quick reactions, a feature that was later adopted by Facebook Messenger and iMessage.

- TECHNICAL ABILITIES -

Languages: Python (Very Proficient), SQL (Very Proficient), Swift (Proficient), C (Proficient), Java (Proficient)

Web Development: JavaScript (Very Proficient), HTML5 (Very Proficient), CSS3 (Very Proficient), jQuery (Proficient), WordPress (Proficient)

Tools: Excel (Very Proficient), Sketch (Very Proficient), Git (Proficient), Xcode (Proficient)

- AWARDS -

Clapp IDEA Competition (2016): Placed first out of ~70 teams competing for \$15,000 by pitching an entrepreneurial idea to a board of investors. Wells Scholar (2013-2017): Selected as one of 18 students in a class of 8,000 attending Indiana University based solely on academic and extracurricular merit. Recognized as Indiana University's most prestigious scholarship and among the top undergraduate scholarships in the nation.

-INTERESTS -