SAGARIKA KAR



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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With 14+ years, I have versatile corporate and startup product management and delivery experience in various domains including BFS, eCommerce, Travel, Wallets/Payments, Logistics, Content Management, and trading. As a product manager, I led a number of launches on online and mobile applications. I have been responsible for defining and developing products features and customer processes to maximize client acquisition, retention and engagement. My key strengths are:

- Communication: I work with Senior executives (CXO), Engineering teams, Marketing & Sales, Analytics, Risk to identify opportunities and risks, validate product/market fit and level set expectations
- Customer Obsession: I connect with customers to understand their problems through user research, interviews, usability testing to understand the pain points and come up with apt solutions
- Delivery: I have hands-on experience leading cross-functional teams of engineers, UX designers, and customer service to prioritize, plan, and deliver software
- Agile, Lean principles: I have In-depth understanding of project management, business analysis, agile and lean process principals.
- Data informed: I love working with data. I can quantitatively analyze product concepts, strategic opportunities and competitive threats based on data.
- Technical: I have a sound technology background having started my career as a software developer and am fully conversant with all phases of SDLC

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration, Smith School of Business, Queen's University, Kingston

2017 - 2018

Bachelors in Technology, SASTRA University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India

2004 - 2008

TECHNOLOGY EXPERIENCE

Language expertise: Java, Spring, SQL, Mysql, NoSQL, Python, R,

Tool expertise: Jira, Confluence, Swagger, Tableau, Excel/Google sheets, Powerpoint, Roadmunk, Figma, Miro

Process expertise: Agile, Scrum, Kanban, Nexus **Certifications**: PMP, CSM, CSPO, Google Analytics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Product Manager - Marketplace, Kijiji Private Ltd., Toronto, Canada

Oct 2021 - Present

Improve seller experience and forge buyer-seller connections at Kijiji – Canada's largest & most loved marketplace

- Own product strategy, roadmap and drive GTM strategy for seller experience
- Drive monetization opportunities within the platform
- Define OKRs and KPIs for each initiative to align with Org wide OKRs, monitor success and enable data informed decisions
- Delivered chat experience that improved replies by buyers 1.3x within 4 months of launch
- Delivered a robust set of Rest APIs on latest GCP stack to achieve faster iterations on features and reduce launch cycles
- Manage and work with multiple stakeholders (Executive Team, Business, Risk, Analytics, Engineering, Design, Sales & Marketing, Customer Service) to bring everyone on same page and drive consensus & alignment
- Driving initiative to partner with local deliveries and improve shipping efficiencies
- Driving initiative to add and manage video content to create base for rich content and video advertising
- Responsible for managing and growing revenue from subscription sellers on Real Estate and Jobs verticals

Senior Product Manager, Tripstack, Toronto, Canada

May 2019 – Sep 2021

Led Product management practice at TripStack – product to provide E2E travel solutions

- Play a pivotal role in driving bookings from 100+/day to 2000+/day in 6 months & profitable in pandemic
- Created the vision and manage the strategic long term and nearer term roadmap for Tripstack

- Grew product team from 1 person to a team of 5 product managers and associate product managers
- Mentored and helped PMs in the teams define goals, career objectives
- Led EFOE(Every Flight On Earth) team to grow from just content scraping to a structured product of getting content from scrapes, Direct API integrations and Aggregators.
- Aligned stakeholders (Executive team, Sales & Marketing and Engineering teams) on product priorities and business expectations
- Interfaced and negotiated contracts with airlines across the globe to curate content for distribution
- Responsible for customer research, product planning, making cost/revenue projections, defining and measuring impact
- Introduced analytics stream and drive new business insights based on collected data

Technology Consultant, Capco, Toronto, Canada

Feb-2018 - April 2019

Product Manager of Blockworkx(an internal Capco product) and responsible for launching Blockworkx with 3 major clients in 1 year

- Drive product roadmap and vision for Blockworkx as a one stop solution for configuring and automating repetitive processes (like Credit card issuance, Customer complaint management) within financial institutions
- Managed and mentored a team of 2 business analysts
- Interfaced with clients to clarify requirements and come up with solutions to business problem according to needs
- Managed stakeholders by communicating regular updates and resolving any impediments
- Introduced dashboard development to monitor internal system health and relevant metrics
- Introduced data mining and predictive analysis techniques in Blockworkx
- Active part of Capco Product Management Association and a key member in driving Agile practices here

Technical Product Manager, eBay India Private Ltd., Bangalore, India

2014-2017

Led eBay India Shipping Team and Estimated Delivery Date Team

- Led the conception, design and development of next gen eBay India shipping platform to improve seller/buyer logistics in eBay India and onboarded two new logistic partners via this platform which increased coverage area (regions where eBay could ship its products to)
- Interfaced regularly with third party logistic partners to resolve technical & business issues arising due to integration
- Designed the shipping product roadmap of 2015 and 2016 and handled managing product backlog items for each sprint.
- Analyzed the existing predictive models and developed a MVP for a new model which improved estimated delivery from 70% accuracy to close to 90% accuracy and thereby reduced direct customer calls which was a significant cost overhead
- Introduced a feature to display date range based estimated deliveries instead of the existing display of point estimated delivery date to further improve accuracy and reduce customer calls
- Introduced four key metrics (tracking shipments, money movement, shipping coverage and continuous monitoring of estimated delivery accuracy) to analyze health of shipping systems
- Revamped the existing dashboard to allow custom dimensions and metrics and do advanced forecasting
- Received the annual team of the year award within eBay India division among almost 20 teams

Technical Lead, JP Morgan Chase, Bangalore, India

2014

Tech Lead of SalesOne Desktop – a unified trading portal

Senior Software Engineer, Cisco Systems, Bangalore, India

2010 - 2014

Product Owner and Module Lead of Content Management System for BSkyB UK

Assistant Systems Engineer, TCS, Bangalore, India

2008 - 2010

Developer in a Data migration Project

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Flood Relief Volunteer, eBay India, Bangalore, India

2015

• Volunteered outside of paid role in raising funds within eBay to support flood affected people in Chennai.

Qut of the Cold Volunteer, Capco, Toronto, Canada

2018

 Volunteered for the different activities (wrapping cutlery, waiting tables, sorting clothes) to help homeless people in the St. Andrews Church