Technology Leadership. Product Strategy.



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About

As a data-driven, digital leader with an entrepreneurial mindset, I operate at the converging point of technology and business acumen.

I am passionate about building high-performance teams for market-leading Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) and Hardware organizations across B2C and B2B markets. I deliver innovative and attainable products that meet the needs of the business and its customers.

I believe in democratising data in my organisations, ensuring every team member is empowered to make data-led decisions. Combining technical and data governance expertise to provide analytical, actionable insights that deliver on business goals and outcomes.

I enjoy engaging major stakeholders and Board of Directors to align business strategy through to execution, balancing risk appetites with advancement towards the strategic vision.

I foster a culture of trust and achievement, inspiring others to collaborate cross-functionally for shared business success.

Key Skills

- Digital Strategy Development & Execution
- Agile (Scrum) trained
- P&L Management / Capex and Opex
- Continuous Integration, Cloud Hosting, Automation of Quality Control Systems
- Coaching / People Development
- Product Strategy and Management through the SDLC
- **Change Management**
- MBA Australian Institute of Business

Work Experience

Chief Technology Officer DIVVY

Oct 2018 - Present Sydney, Australia

- Developed a cost effective operating structure by building a new internal Technology team whose talent capabilities supported the business' strategic and operational vision.

- Reduced Technology OPEX spend from \$200,000 per month to \$91,000 per month with positive impacts to the delivery function of the business.
- Scaled engineering capabilities by adding team resources in Vietnam.

- Leveraged key partnerships with Samsung and Microsoft to develop a strategy for building a new generation of IoT-based Access Control hardware. Delivery of this resulted in reduced operating cost and new revenue opportunities as well as opening opportunities with Transport for NSW.

- Responsible for the documentation and lodging of the ATO R&D Tax Incentive Claim.

- Experience with PCI-DSS compliance and payment processing (Card-Present and Ecomm).
- Implemented a new Azure Data Lake and introduced Tableau Server. Built custom dashboards and actively sought to collect insightful data that could feed into the product and sales teams.

- Organised external security audits, penetration testing and the implementation of ongoing security best practices (ISO 27001). Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery plans created anew for DIVVY (AS/NZS 5050).

- Negotiated commercial contracts and worked directly with our legal team as needed for review
- Delivered bi-monthly Board presentations and regular strategy updates to our Board of Directors

- Drove a culture of sharing through Lunch&Learns, Guest Speaker events and our Innovation Program.

Head of Technology and Product Asset.Guru

Jan 2018 - Oct 19 (3 month contract, extended) Sydney, Australia

- Collaborated with founder to further develop the business model, market positioning,

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Education

Australian Institute of Business Adelaide, July 2015 - July 2017 Master of Business Administration

General Assembly Sydney, Australia, 2012-2012 **Product Management**

Glamorgan University United Kingdom, 2006-2007 MA (hons) Graphic Communication

Glamorgan University United Kingdom, 2003-2006 BA (hons) Design for Media

Industry Integration

Introduction to DIVVY, Scaling during Covid Ausbiz Interview, 2020

Australian Brands, Can We Have a Chat? B&T Opinion Piece, November 2016

The Blog Online Tutorial React-Native, April 2016

.net Magazine Article HTML5 Apps and Cocoon.js for mobile, April 2015

Web Directions WDYK Presentation Asynchronous real-time communication, 2014

Silver Award IAB MIXX David Jones Loves Denim, 2013

Work Experience (continued.)

competitive evaluation, and product approach. Developed full product roadmap, project plan, user experience, and functional specification for initial launch phase; hired key members of engineering team and executed training and handoff

- Collaborated with founder to ensure tight alignment to strategic objectives and

organisational and financial capabilities for product development

- Developed, tested and built new products to hypotheses based on analytics and insights tools.

Created cost-benefit analysis to help determine viability and translated the insights in to actionable build tasks for the development teams.

- Digitised and automated manual processes. This not only functioned as a cost-saving process but improved the reliability of business operational processes, lowered response time to customers, improved conversions and most importantly set the foundation to help the business scale.

Group Head of Technology

M&C Saatchi October 2016 - Jan 2018

Sydney, Australia

- Provide technology leadership across M&C Saatchi's group businesses helping each to develop their own roadmaps and hiring strategies while providing operational support in a consultative manner

- Introduced full agile / Scrum-based delivery processes for Briefly, M&C's own internal briefing tool. Introduced the backlog, grooming sessions and sprint retrospectives

- Consultancy in the space of digital solutions, CMS systems, application development, product strategy and delivery

- Foster innovation within the culture (not only within the remit of technology) through initiating a programme of presentations from partners like Snapchat and Google

- Champion and drive modern processes and delivery models by introducing agile techniques and

applying lean product development principles to M&C Saatchi's internal product development teams

- Product development for several enterprise clients including data-dashboard development for CommBank, built and integrated Content Management Systems for NRMA and Tabcorp.

Head of Digital Technology

Network Ten

September 2015 - September 2016 Sydney, Australia

- Having been Network Ten's vendor for 3 years I moved internally to work directly with the CDO-

Liaised with CDO to define product strategy and roadmap for Network Tens digital initiatives

- Initiated a consolidation of all 14 tenplay products (built over several years and had inconsistent user experiences) to implement a component-based design (Atomic Design)

- UX consolidation program allowed me to implement emerging technology and better shape the

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Work Experience (continued.)

technology team hiring, use of external vendors and sharing of technology skills with a cost/benefit analysis estimated of ~\$800,000 saving over 3 years.

- Lead planning and development of new products from conception through launch
- Managed budgets (Capex and Opex), resource requirements and delivery schedules

- Collaborated with partners (both internal teams and vendors) to define, design and develop new product features

- Interfaced with Marketing to acquire new audiences and initiate consumer outreach efforts

- Informed and communicated progress of strategic decisions and product developments to executive team and other major stakeholders on a regular basis

Technical Director

Holler

March 2014 - September 2015 Sydney, Australia

- Provided leadership and direction to the business to develop high quality technical solutions on time and to budget

- Change Management within a business reinventing its own products and services
- Creative Technology concepting and prototype development of innovative solutions to help the
- business meet their client requirements
- Managed technology budgets across the business
- Solution Architecture design for enterprise level builds and e-commerce solutions
- Technical team leadership; hiring, performance management and reviews and PDP development
- Sitecore, Umbraco, Ektron and Magento experience
- Integration with AP21 and JD Edwards E1 ERP systems

- Continuous Integration with Jenkins, Automated UI Testing (Selenium) and AWS Deployment strategies defined

Interactive Lead

Isobar

October 2010 - March 2014 Sydney, Australia

- Lead a team of 8 FE, 4 Flash, 4 iOS, 3 Android, 7 BE (.NET, Sitecore and Umbraco) and 4 QA Analysts
- Lead the Sydney arm of NowLabs (Isobars Innovation incubation hub)
- Drove the rapid-prototyping initiative which introduced a new service that defined the future of

projects through rapid-prototyping and helped deepen the relationship between UX and

Development disciplines internally

- Sitecore experience
- Experience with Selenium and CasperJS for QA testing
- Confluence and Jira for project management and IP recording
- Thought leadership, brown-bag discussions around NFC/RFID, Mobile and Three.js
- Leadership training (2 day), HBDI assessed