# **ASLI BINAL**

#### SENIOR PRODUCT MANAGER

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#### **EXPERIENCE**

## 2014 – present

### **NPR** – Senior Product Manager

As an 'Innovation Award' winning NPR One team member, I manage an enterprise product for 260+ NPR stations, enabling them to add news content, podcasts, live streams, and branding into NPR's digital product ecosystem, ensuring a localized and personalized listening experience for millions of audience members.

- Product Owner of <u>www.stationconnect.org</u>, a portal for NPR member stations to upload digital audio news and music content and branding for use in iOS, Android applications, as well as the <u>www.npr.org</u> website and Alexa products
- Built a cloud based audio uploader and encoding process to pull hourly newscast audio files from network of member stations to surface in NPR One app, providing a personalized and localized news experience near real-time
- Added Google Analytics (GA) to to inform product decisions and priorities
- Increased amount of local station content in NPR One, resulting in extended listener sessions, specifically around local content
- Designed a newscast audio validation product for support team to ensure NPR digital audio standards are met. This real-time dashboard was built to monitor all member station content currently in the NPR One app
- Wrote series of station support documentation and instructions on how to prepare news into digital audio formats, produced a video tutorial to simplify the process for stations and lead educational product webinars for stations
- Worked with marketing team to create targeted email campaigns for increasing station participation in NPR One
- Scaled and refactored existing legacy products from supporting 6 stations to support the entire network of 260+ stations in 3 months

#### 2011 – 2013

#### iZotope - Senior Product Manager

Product Manager for the Technical Emmy award winning audio repair and restoration product 'RX' and a range of consumer iOS apps.

- Managed product roadmap & team of six to build RX 3 Audio Repair and Restoration product, a standalone desktop application and plug-ins integrated into industry standard Digital Audio Workstations (DAW) such as Pro-Tools, Logic, Adobe Premiere, Ableton Live, GarageBand, and others. This version of RX was the highest grossing product upon launch, and the recipient of a Technical Emmy
- Interviewed audio professionals in recording industry, to learn workflows and pain points through customer interviews, surveys & tradeshows and shared feedback with team resulting in user stories that fit within the framework of the release
- Lead product design to focus on simplifying the audio repair features so that novices and beginners could benefit from the product as much as audio professionals
- Managed graphic designers and content providers for software synth product, 'Iris', and BT's 'Sonifi' app, to ensure timely delivery of content within the budget
- Created product positioning documents and project budgets and presented these artifacts to stakeholders from sales, marketing, support, QA and executive teams
- Presented product overviews at trade shows, including NAMM, AES

## 2009 – 2011

#### WORLDNOW - Senior Product Manager, Digital Media

- Product owner for multiple concurrent product releases including video player for local TV station CMS product, video capture applications, video advertising tools, as well as third party plug-in integrations to our CMS
- Created wireframes and lead design team to refine interfaces and improve UX
- Wrote marketing material, rate cards, newsletters, and external communications
- Wrote technical documentation for video API reference, product help, release notes and best practices guides
- Delivered quarterly product webinars and presentations for client site visits
- Trained technical support and client services teams before each product launch

#### 2006 - 2008

## MOTIONBOX (HP Snapfish) - Senior Software Developer

- Developed UI for high definition progressive download video player
- Maintained and enhanced full suite of applications including multiple file uploader, and video player
- Customized open source ffmpeg for integration into proprietary encoding engine
- Created database of all uploaded user video metadata to analyze our digital inventory in order to inform the design of the video encoding product and features

#### 1999-2004

## NUANCE - Senior Speech Applications Engineer

- Designed, implemented and installed automatic speech recognition (ASR) product for insurance company at customer site. Improved recognition by designing custom grammars using Hidden Markov Model (HMM) machine learning (ML) algorithms
- Technical project lead on speech recognition (ASR) app for car rental company
- Directed and recorded speech talent to produce audio prompts for ASR system
- Developed a product using MapQuest API for obtaining driving directions using speech recognition and Text-to-Speech (TTS) for dictating driving directions. Received "Excellent Team Works Award" for Q2 of 2000 for the MapQuest project.
- Wrote software to integrate with Ameritrade's legacy databases, enabling voice activated stock transactions. Received "One Million Calls Award" for the application handling over one million phone calls.

#### **EDUCATION**

Graduate	New York University, Master of Music in Music Technology
Undergraduate	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

#### SKILLS

Certifications / Technical	Certified Scrum Product Owner, Certificate in Filmmaking Agile Development, Confluence, JIRA, Rally, Trello, Pivotal Tracker, HTML,
	CSS, LucidChart, Balsamiq, OmniGraffle, MIDI, Max/MSP, C