Wayne Chen

PRODUCT MANAGER | DESIGNER | USER EXPERIENCE

Vancouver, B.C

I am a Product Manager at heart, Designer in practice... in world of user experience.

Currently, I am the Sr. Product Manager at Mogo and Cofounder of Assembly Block. I have a deep passion in bitcoin, cryptocurrency, and blockchain technologies and believe this is the future of finance, banking and commerce.

As a hobby, I am a heavy gamer from my video game design background. Having worked at Electronic Arts for 8 years, I've produced, designed and led multiple teams to launch consistent AAA titles such as the FIFA Franchise.

As a personal growth and contribution to the design industry, I am a mentor at Vancouver Film School and part of the VanUE organization committee to tailor industry events to UX professionals within the city. I am also a passionate writer and publish many future tech and UX articles on Medium and LinkedIn.

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Experience

Co-founder

Vancouver, Canada Sep 2017 - Present

Assembly Block

Co-founder of a bitcoin, blockchain and cryptocurrency consulting company.

- Early startup to provide information on blockchain technologies and software.
- Developed proposals for medium to large companies on blockchain adoption and recommended applicable interfaces.
- Worked with companies in all industries such as Payments, Remittance, Energy, Oils/Gas, Law, Security and IOT.
- Deep knowledge of political battles in the bitcoin blockchain in particular to scaling.
- Economical assurance of advancements in blockchain's future such as proof-of-work vs proof-of-stake.

Mentor, Digital Design

Vancouver Film School

Mentor at Vancouver Film School specializing in Interactive, UI, UX Design for the Digital Design Graduation Class 34.

- Provided industry knowledge to acquire UI/UX design jobs in the industry.
- Project planned student's grad projects to ensure the entire creative process is practiced.
- Consistently reviewed student's work to steer them in their specialized strengths.
- Graded and finalized the student's grad project to be presentable at their interviews.

Vancouver, Canada Apr 2016 - Present

Sr. Product Manager

Vancouver, Canada Oct 2017 - Feb 2018

Mogo

Senior Product Manager of Mogo's bitcoin and blockchain's product line.

- Led the bitcoin, cryptocurrency and blockchain initiatives.
- Managed a team of designers, developers, QA to deliver high-quality Web, iOS and Android applications.
- Defined CRM requirements for development features that impact CRM.
- Produced, planned and developed user stories in an agile environment.
- Conducted problem review, solutions design, sprint planning and feature discussions for the MogoAccounts and MogoCrypto product lines.
- Maintained an abundant backlog of deliverables for developers.
- Conducted A/B tests for customer conversion throughout the website.
- Reviewed and provided guidance for legal documents and disclaimers.
- Reviewed and provided guidance for Finance in costmodelling for bitcoin project.
- Created RFP's and managed vendor relationships between Mogo and third-party providers.
- Ran workshops and provided cryptocurrency and blockchain training for the entire company.

Sr. Director of Product

Vancouver, Canada Mar 2013 - Sep 2017

nTrust

Sr. Director, Head of Product at nTrust evolving a start up company from 15 people to 35+ in the hot sector of fintech, remittance and mobile payments industry.

- On Executive Team to transform business goals into product lines and value propositions.
- Defined the vision of the company and acquired 100,000+ customers over a 4 year period.
- Responsible for the end-to-end customer UI/UX throughout the platform.
- Worked closely with lawyers, legal, and compliance teams to acquire FINTRAC, MSB, PSP and PCI Licenses.
- Developed strong business relationships with banks, credit unions, payment processors, regulators and partners.
- Created and designed to the cost-modelling strategy for our service.
- Responsible for creating and overseeing all web & mobile applications.
- Consistent improvement of monthly active users (MAU) over a 3-year product span.
- Managed a team of designers and developers to create multiple product lines.
- Pioneered an stand-alone, parallel, merchant business product line to service SMB's.
- Developed a compelling referral rewards system to trigger exponential customer growth.
- Continually monitored customer behavioural analytics to improve user experience.
- Key provider of creative direction to Marketing team with campaign initiatives by bringing the features to life.
- Pivoted our business strategy to offer Bitcoins as a better alternative for remittance.
- Designed the most user-friendly cryptocurrency Exchange Trading Platform.
- Deep knowledge of blockchain technology, heavily invested in Bitcoin and altcoins.
- Frequently travelled to UK to design and manage Bitcoin related projects.

Producer

Vancouver, Canada Jan 2011 - Mar 2013

Electronic Arts

Producer at EA Sports responsible for all features and game modes in FIFA Street.

- Responsible for the creative direction, theme and entire UX for a sub-cultural sport.
- Established visual target for the game.
- Designed game modes from World Tour, Create Player, to Player Leveling systems.
- Created end-to-end functional design documents for all features which included design specs, wireframes, mockups and engineering requirements.
- Managed a team of 20+ designers and developers internally.
- Travelled overseas constantly to manage and review external team's work.
- Co-managed QA team to ensure all intricate functionality has been exploited, tested and reproduced to the design specs.

Game Credits

- FIFA Street (360/PS3) Production Team
- FIFA World (PC) Initial Concept

Lead UI/UX Designer

Vancouver, Canada May 2005 - Feb 2011

Electronic Arts

Lead UI/UX Designer at EA Sports.

- Designed and developed UI/UX for a wide range of AAA titles on multiple platforms.
- Created UI for mobile, web, handhelds, XBOX Kinect & Nintendo Wii.
- Exclusivity to create UI for XBOX Kinect and Nintendo Wii before the consoles launched.
- Deep knowledge of Interaction Architecture from pointer, touch to gesture interactions.
- Led a small team of 5+ UI designers and developers by establishing the visual target in early prototyping.
- Mastery of creating user journey from prototypes, sketching, wireframing, mockups to full-motion demo's of interaction.
- Responsible for reviewing the developers work to ensure the final delivery is identical to the mockups.

Game Credits

- EA Sports Active 2 Lead Interface Designer
- FIFA Soccer 10 Lead Interface Designer
- FIFA Soccer 09 Lead Interface Designer
- FIFA Soccer 08 Assistant Interface Designer
- The Sims 2: Pets Assistant Interface Designer
- Tiger Woods PGA Tour 07 Assistant Interface Designer
- MVP NCAA Baseball 06 COOP Artist

Designer

Lee Guitars

Designer at Lee Guitars.

Lee Guitars is rapidly expanding till this day with multiple guitar products lines. They have fulfilled their mission to become the first Chinese guitar brand in the world, which are still expanding into more countries in Southeast Asia.

- Started and created the brand discovery for Lee Guitars.
- Rapid prototypes that involved traditional pen & paper sketches to explore the brand.
- This was a freelance project during school which provided me a great opportunity to work with a fresh new concept in the music & manufacturing industry.

Vancouver, Canada Jul 2002 - Dec 2002

Organizations

VanUE - Vancouver User Experience

Manage and coordinate VanUE Organization Committee to tailor industry events, speaker series, and company openhouses to a group of passionate UX designers in Vancouver.

Education

Certificate, Business Administration & Management

British Columbia Institute of Technology

Business Administration & Management Certificate Program at BCIT for extended advancement in Product Design, Economics, Management, Business Law and Analytics.

Burnaby, B.C Apr 2017 - Present

Diploma, Illustration Design Elements & Applications

Capilano University

3-year diploma from the IDEA program. With exposure to the grand spectrum in the world of art & design, this program developed a professional portfolio focus primarily on communication design.

Each year had different professional themes that were critical pillars to create the final portfolio. First year was traditional mediums which included drawings, illustration and painting. The second year focused on the digital world of print, web, typography, and page layouts. The third, and final year combined hands-on skills with digital mediums and professional insights to craft the final portfolio.

North Vancouver, B.C Sep 2002 - Apr 2005

Publications

Mogo introduces Blockchain Technology

Bloomberg coverage of Mogo introducing Blockchain Technology and Cryptocurrencies.

In customer experience and usercentered design, why fintechs are beating big banks

Telus International interview on why Fintechs are beating big banks.

Putting UX First in Fintech for User Adoption

UX Crunch article for UX in the Fintech space.

Highly usable tips from Vancouver UX Awards Finalists

BetaKit article coverage for the 2015 Vancouver UX Awards discussing UX insight and trends.

Vancouver's nTrust pushes "digital cash" payments with Cloud Money platform

Georgia Straight interview by Stephen Hui for nTrust App Launch.

Awards

Fintech Startup of the Year - Finalist

Finalist for Fintech Startup of the Year - 2016 DFI Canadian Fintech Awards.

UX for Enterprise - Finalist

Finalist for Best UX for Enterprise - 2015 Vancouver UX Awards

Conferences & Events

Conferences Attended

Canadian Personal Finance Conference 2015 GROW Conference 2015 PWC BCTech Summit 2016 Dx3 Conference 2016 MaRS Verge 2016 BC Top 100 Companies

Speaker

Speaker at 2017 NCFA Event: http://vanfundingconf.ca/

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