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EXPERIENCE

Zulip — First employee, Head of Product

SAN FRANCISCO

2016 – 2019

Zulip is an open source, enterprise team chat platform. As of 2019 the company has 10 employees and contractors, and 500 contributors to the open source project.

I was involved in nearly every part of the product and business. A few of my hats:

- **Engineering** (2016-17): Designed and built components like our analytics and billing systems, and did a few sensitive codebase migrations. Identified projects of appropriate scope for open source contributors of widely varying skill levels.
- **Product** (2017-): Along with founder, responsible for overall GTM and product strategy. Managed the visual and interaction design of the product, and the global product priority list. Worked closely with engineers to QA and release features.
- **External communication**: Responsible for all external communication: support, inbound sales, trade show booths, and our twitter presence. Typical first response time of a few minutes while awake.
- **Content**: Wrote all our marketing materials, 100+ help center articles, and a large fraction of the user-visible strings in the codebase.
- **Funding**: Helped pull in a \$1M grant from the National Science Foundation to fund early development.

Dropbox, Quora, Upwork, Google, Microsoft — Data science & research internships

SF BAY AREA, BANGALORE, NEW YORK

2011 – 2016

Summer internships as a Ph.D. student. Dropbox, Quora, and Upwork in analytics/data science, and Google and Microsoft in algorithms research. Details on my [academic CV](#).

EDUCATION

Stanford University — Ph.D.

2011 – 2016

Ph.D. in Computer Science, advised by Tim Roughgarden. Academic CV available [here](#).

Massachusetts Institute of Technology — M.Eng, B.S.

2008 – 2011

M.Eng. in Computer Science, advised by Piotr Indyk. B.S. in Math, B.S. in Computer Science.

Harvard University

2005 – 2007

Half of a degree in Theoretical Math.

AWARDS

Forsythe Teaching Award, Stanford Computer Science	2015
Centennial TA Award, Stanford School of Engineering	2015
Patent on my Masters thesis (US 9213916). Manuscript available here .	2011
Putnam Math Competition, Honorable Mention	2006-7, 2009
USA Math Olympiad, Winner (top 12)	2005