# **Maryam Akhyani**

# **Product Manager | UX Researcher | Designer**

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#### **PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

I'm a **Product Manager and UX professional** with a foundation in **Architecture and Design Thinking**, passionate about creating digital products that bridge design intuition with data-driven strategy. Over the past **5+ years**, I've delivered measurable product outcomes—leading feature launches, optimizing conversion funnels, and aligning multidisciplinary teams around customer-centric goals.

My experience spans **logistics**, **mapping**, **SaaS**, **and platform UX**, where I've built scalable products through close collaboration with engineers, designers, and data teams. I thrive in spaces where technology, creativity, and human behavior intersect.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## **Product Manager** [Hybrid]

**SnappBox (On-Demand Delivery Platform)** 

Nov 2022 - Oct 2024

- Fleet Optimization & Market Expansion: Launched a district-based destination input feature for restaurant clients, increasing floating-fleet acceptance by 30% and reducing operational cost imbalance by 15%.
- Conversion Growth: Redesigned the business customer ordering flow, improving conversion by 18% and reducing drop-offs by 15%.
- Pricing Transparency: Introduced a price estimator for van and moving services, boosting lead conversions by 22% and increasing customer trust.
- Customer Landing Page Revamp: Led the UX/UI redesign of the customer app's landing page, eliminating ~80K unnecessary clicks daily and cutting bounce rate by 6%.
- Driver Engagement: Designed and launched a tipping feature, reducing off-platform negotiations and cancellations by 12%.
- Cross-Service Awareness: Implemented in-app messaging to promote cross-sell and onboarding, increasing multi-service adoption by 19%.
- **ETA Accuracy Initiative:** Partnered with data and engineering teams to improve delivery time predictions, increasing ETA precision by **20**%.
- **Strategic Collaboration:** Coordinated with marketing, operations, and engineering across **5+ departments** to align KPIs and product goals.

# **Product Manager** [Hybrid]

Balad Maps (Navigation & Location-Based Platform)

Feb 2022 - Oct 2022

- Personalization & Retention: Designed persona-based route recommendations, increasing NPS by 5%.
- User & Market Research: Conducted in-depth user studies and competitor analysis to inform roadmap prioritization.
- Operational Accuracy: Collaborated on a new traffic model, improving ETA accuracy by
  4% across the app.
- Process Efficiency: Introduced user-story mapping workshops, improving team velocity by 8%.
- A/B Testing: Launched 5+ experiments optimizing navigation UI, leading to a more intuitive user experience.
- **Field Experimentation:** Ran real-world routing tests with **5+ drivers**, analyzing data from **20+ live sessions** to validate design hypotheses.

## **UX Researcher** [Hybrid]

Balad Maps (Navigation & Location-Based Platform)

Nov 2020 - Feb 2022

- Conducted 300+ user interviews and 140+ surveys to identify behavioral patterns and pain points.
- Facilitated 50+ usability tests and focus groups, driving iterative design improvements.
- Delivered actionable insights translating directly into roadmap decisions for navigation and POI discovery features.

## **Design Specialist** [On-site]

**Jahesh Innovation Center** 

May 2019 - Nov 2019

- Developed visual identity and UX deliverables for early-stage startups.
- Supported mentoring sessions and pitch-deck design for accelerator participants.

## Freelance Designer (Side Hustle)

**Self-Employed (Branding & Product Visuals)** 

2017 - 2020

 Designed brand identities, UI layouts, and marketing assets for tech startup teams, fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration that paved my path into product management.

#### **BIM Architect**

# RMJM (International Architecture Firm)

Aug 2016 - May 2017

- Contributed to cultural projects (Car Museum, Jewel Museum) using Revit & AutoCAD; collaborated across disciplines on BIM workflows that informed later interest in data-driven design systems..
- Collaborated on technical detailing and coordination for mixed-use developments

#### **CORE SKILLS**

**Product Management:** Roadmapping, PRDs, stakeholder management, backlog prioritization, feature discovery, GTM

**Research & UX:** User interviews, usability testing, persona building, journey mapping, hypothesis validation, AI Prototyping, UX writing

**Data & Analytics:** Google Analytics, Sql, Power BI, A/B testing, KPI tracking **Agile Delivery:** Scrum, Kanban, Scrumban, cross-functional collaboration

Tools: Jira, Confluence, ClickUp, Trello, Figma, Miro

Communication: Remote & async collaboration, product storytelling, documentation,

## **INTERESTS & SIDE PROJECTS**

- Web UX Redesign & Vibe-Coding: Redesigned the UX and front-end (Vibe-Coded) of an existing Book Club website, enhancing its visual hierarchy and interactive feel for community discussions.
- **Creative Studio Work:** Architectural design for residential buildings, computational and parametric design explorations, portrait and landscape photography, and visual identity design for small teams and digital products.
- Continuous Learning: Exploring Al-driven product ideation and prototyping, AEC-Tech innovations, Ed-Tech systems, and workflow automation for design and product teams.

## **EDUCATION & CERTIFICATES**

Professional Project Management Certificate, Google M.S. Architectural Technologies, Pars University of Architecture & Arts B.Arch. Architecture, Shahid Beheshti University