Brandon Zahl

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Career Objective: Help people see through their self-limiting and destructive thought patterns so they may experience a more peaceful, loving and joyful life.

Work and Volunteer Experience

Microsoft, Program Manager II, currently employed   *Aug 2010 – present*
- Designed and managed implementation for document open, create, save, save as, version history and file sync for the Office mobile app platform
- Earlier work on desktop Office to improve integration with SharePoint when opening a file from the web browser into the Office apps
- Successful execution requires coordinating deliverables across multiple teams, intensive written and oral communication, in-depth planning/technical knowledge, and strong persuasion/conflict resolution skills

Amazon, SDE Intern, 3 months   *Jun 2009 – Sep 2009*
- Enhanced existing catalog managing tool to enable the Warehouse Deals team to more efficiently manage and sell their inventory in the Amazon Marketplace
- Planned features, coordinated development schedule and interfaced with stakeholders

Intel, Technical Intern, 9 months   *Jun 2008 – Feb 2009*
- Built from the ground-up a web application to manage logistics and support of the beta hardware devices being loaned by Intel to employees at Microsoft for use in software development
- As the sole person on the project, had to do everything from taking functional requirements to designing the database schema to supporting the final product.
- Example online at www.brandonzahl.com/pastwork

Bend Research, Lab Intern, 3 years   *Jun-Sep, 2005-2007*
- Worked on a prototype web accessible/administrable database using PHP, SQL, AJAX, Javascript and HTML
- Performed lab work for pharmaceutical research

Self-Employed, Lawn Care, 5 years   *2000-2005*
- began lawn service, served 5-10 customers per season

Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout, 4 years   *2000-2004*
- Organized 3 service projects, work totaled 260 man hours
- Led group of 9 boys on a 12-day backpacking trip

Skills

Technical:	Project management, formal specification drafting, software analytics, UX mockup/wireframing, Office, SQL,
Teamwork:	Training in Crucial Conversations (high-stakes discussion), driving cross-team alignment, feature prioritization/advocacy
Personal:	Near-daily introspection practice via journaling and mindfulness meditation, CBT experience

Education

University of Washington Seattle, WA	Graduation Date: June 2010 Double Degree: 1. Computer Engineering (BS) GPA 3.70 2. Music: Piano (BA) GPA 3.69

Major Awards

UW Dean's List	GPA >= 3.5	*2005-2010*
Washington Scholar	Full-tuition scholarship, 4 years	*2005*
Robert C. Byrd Honors	$6000 scholarship for outstanding high school performance	*2005*