



Ryan Whalen

Co-founder / Business Development Strategist

Mango Languages Co-Founder Ryan Whalen currently serves on the Leadership team as Business Development Strategist. Prior to Mango, Ryan’s professional experience spans 20 years of creative innovation — prototyping, designing, and managing several online brands and language-learning products.

Through the process of prototyping and designing the original program interface of Mango in 2007 as Mango’s Creative Director, Ryan set the precedent for the home-baked appeal of Mango Languages’ product, as each language course component is intentionally crafted from scratch. As the creative resources within the company grew, Ryan continued to adopt a hands-on approach, working as the creative lead for the product’s second launch in 2009.

As Business Development Strategist, Ryan works closely with Co-Founder Mike Goulas to identify big opportunities, design new business models, create prototypes, evaluate strategic partnerships, promote new customer experiences, and to develop a path of how the company can bring these opportunities to market. A true pioneer, Ryan thrives in the realm of possibilities and is passionate about providing his team with creative latitude, empowering employees to innovate in real time.

Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, Ryan studied graphic design at Wayne State University. He speaks English and some Spanish, along with a bit of Slovak and Russian.