ARUNKUMAR VARADHARAJU

CONSULTANT SUMMARY

12 years versatile SAP implementation experience: project management, change management, regional roll-out/implementation management, manufacturing and S&OP functional consulting, data conversion, and security design expertise. Have led all phases of multiple full-length implementations from Project Prep, Blueprinting, Realization, Final Prep, and Go-Live. Have also led post-live improvement and rescue efforts, focused on process improvement, process excellence, and operational discipline.

CORE VALUES:

High energy professional with excellent communication skills, strong project management discipline honed by Management & Technology Consulting experience, and the ability to lead teams to successfully complete their goals.

Specialties: SAP S/4HANA & ECC Implementations - Multiple projects deployment of Finance Transformation - Consolidation System Automation - Business Process Re-engineering - Operation Management, SAP FICO, FSCM, TRM, S/4 HANA Finance.

Industry experience includes: Government, Public Sector, Life sciences, Pharma, Chemicals, Aviation & Aerospace, Sports, Media & Entertainment, CPG, Financial Services, and Manufacturing. Holds an MBA in Finance & Tech, BS in Finance.

CONSULTING SKILLS

- Hands-on Experienced in Agile, Activate, Launch, ASAP, and project deployment methodologies
- In-depth knowledge and experience in SAP FICO, FSCM & S/4 HANA Finance implementation encompassing Seven projects, three of which are full implementation cycles from Blue Printing to Realization and Go Live.
- Strong skills in Implementation and Configuration of New General Ledger (New GL), Accounts Receivable (AR), Accounts Payable (AP), Asset Accounting (AA), Treasury and Cash Management (TR-CM), Cost Center Accounting (CCA), Internal Orders (IO), Profit Center Accounting (PCA), Profitability Analysis (COPA), Product Costing, Project System (PS) and Investment Management (IM) Money Market, In-house Cash (IHC), Dispute Management, Biller Direct, Credit Management.
- Experience in configuration of Automatic Payment Run (APP), Lockbox, Electronic Bank Statement (EBS), (SWIFT, BAI and Multi-cash formats), SEPA, Check Printing and Cash Management including Cash Position Liquidity forecast and Cash concentration.
- Configuration and Support of Period End Activities involving Foreign Currency Valuation, Accrual and Recurring Entries, Dunning and Depreciation Run
- Expertise in implementation of SAP Treasury Money Market, Foreign Exchange, Derivatives, Securities, Debt Management, Market Risk Management, and Credit Risk Management, FI (PSM) FM.
- Expert in preparation of reports using SAP Query and Report writer/Report Painter.
- Strong working knowledge of Sales & Distribution Orders, Billing, Credit Management, Revenue Recognition (RR), Plants abroad, Rebate/Sales Deals Processing & Settlement.
- Experience in Open Text Vendor Invoice Management (VIM) and Workflow set up.
- Experience in customization related to integration between FI/CO & Logistics Modules (SD, PP & MM).
- Experience in preparation of Test Plan, Test Scenarios, and Test Scripts.
- Expert in Data Migration from Legacy System to SAP R/3 using Legacy System Migration Workbench (LSMW), ECATT, EDI, and IDOC.
- Strong working experience on Reports, Interfaces, Conversions, Enhancements, Forms and Workflows (RICEFW).

INTEGRATION SKILLS

- Integration of SAP FICO with Procure to Pay (P2P), Order to Cash (OTC), Plant maintenance (PM), Payroll, Travel Management, Production Planning, etc.
- Integration with MM, PP and SD: Integration of FI with MM, PP and SD modules, Inventory movement-related account, Billing and Revenue account determination, Interfaces design and testing.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UN (UNICEF), New York, NY

SAP S/4 HANA Finance & FSCM Lead

- Lead end to end implementation for SAP Fiori Analytical Apps for Treasury and Risk Management (FIN-FSCM-TRM)
- Took ownership and lead development, implementation, and the world-wide rollout for Treasury procurement card application in FIORI apps.
- Also responsible for the deployment of treasury related custom reports and statements.
- Provide consulting solutions on how to leverage standard SAP S/4 Treasury and Risk Management functionality and how to 'enable requirements while maximizing the ROI.
- Banking/Treasury, Risk Management Results analysis, US GAAP, IFRS, Cash Mgmt. Cash Position, Forecasting, Manage Bank accounts
- Treasury and Risk Management Exposure, Quantify, Transaction Mgmt. and Hedge Accounting
- In-House Cash Central Payments, Intercompany netting, B2B Transfers and Cash Concentration
- SAP Treasury: IHC setup/Electronics bank statements, dunning and payments
- SAP Banking: Lockbox, electronic bank statements, bank reconciliation (MT940, MT942 format & Multi cash)
- Hands-on Experience integrating S/4 Treasury and Risk management on-premise and cloud environment with other SAP (BW/4 HANA, SAP Analytics Cloud, etc.) and non-SAP products
- Proven success in implementing SAP functionality in a team environment & ability to work self-sufficient.
- Experience and Sound concepts in S4 HANA Finance and Central Finance.
- SAP cash management, TRM, hedge management, bank communications manager (SWIFT, Multi-bank reporting), and In-House Cash, along with analyzers.
- Involved in integrating Treasury with third-party solutions for SAP.
- Demonstrated leadership skills (organization, manage details, communication, and manage multiple priorities)
- Responsible for minor ABAP developments and debugging for minor customizations.
- Adapts existing methods and procedures to create alternative solutions to moderately complex problems
- Experience and knowledge of configuring FI (PSM) FM Funds Management/Grants Management touch points with other modules, including Financial Accounting, Controlling, Project Systems, Materials Management, and HCM (Personnel Management, Payroll, and Org Management).

L'ORÉAL PARIS, New York, NY

SAP Finance Solution Consultant

- Understood the business, gathered the requirements and developed Business Blueprints.
- Created Functional Specification documents for Gaps and the interfaces to different systems.
- Configured the system for Accounts Payable and Cash Management Modules.
- Worked closely with the MM team in designing the conditions on PO
- Created functional specification documents to build the interface between banks and EDI for receiving Electronic Bank Statements and sending the EDI820 IDocs
- Worked closely with business users to help month-end/year end close activities and bank reconciliation processes.
- Worked with MM and SD teams in configuring the system for Make to Order and Procure to Pay scenarios
- Helped to convert the GL, AP, AR transaction balances and GL master data using LSMW and custom programs
- Designed COPA module by creating custom characteristics and value fields, derivation rules and implemented a user exit in COPA allocations

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Created assessment and distribution cycles to allocate the costs at the month-end as per the business need.

Nov 2017 - Mar 2018

NBA, New York, NY

SAP S/4HANA Solution Lead

- SAP S/4HANA Finance, Digital and Business Transformation Thought Leader
- Leading upgrade of S/4 HANA 1511 to 1709 currently in the assessment phase.
- Build S/4 HANA Design & Configured important S/4HANA Finance functionality.
- Migration preparation, installation, and data checks in SAP S/4HANA Finance.
- Detailed understanding and hands-on knowledge SAP Cash Management powered by SAP HANA.
- Customize SAP Integrated Business Planning for Finance and SAP Central Finance in SAP S/4 HANA.
- Leading the Implementation of S/4 HANA finance 1511 currently in UAT phase
- Conduct demos, blueprint and requirement gathering workshops, and solution validation workshops for S/4 HANA finance.
- Project preparation and execution based on SAP Activate methodology for Finance.
- Identifying delta design and development requirements.
- Identifying & recommending changes & process improvements to current processes to move towards SAP standard.
- Conducting system DEMO's meeting the customer requirements and showcase solution capabilities for S/4 HANA 1511.
- Functional Configuration for SAP FI, CO, AR, AP, Cash Mgmt., Treasury, and Project Systems.
- Supported data conversion and migration efforts.

GLATFELTER, York, PA

SAP S/4HANA Finance Consultant

- Gather requirements for S/4 HANA Finance implementation.
- Build S/4 HANA Design & Configured important S/4HANA Finance functionality.
- Migration preparation, installation, and data checks in SAP S/4HANA Finance.
- Detailed understanding and hands-on knowledge SAP Cash Management powered by SAP HANA.
- Customize SAP Integrated Business Planning for Finance and SAP Central Finance in SAP S/4 HANA.
- Up to date with the newest developments in the SAP Finance domain (S/4HANA Finance 1610).
- COPC Month-end closing IT support as per the Month activities related to Product costing. Creating Costing Run, Determining Material Prices, Consumption Revaluation, Closing Postings, Confirming Costing Result, CO-PA Periodic Revaluation, Marking Material Price, Releasing Material Price.
- Troubleshoot issues with Foreign Currency Revaluations in New GL.

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS, Boston, MA

Lead SAP Consultant

- As an IT advisory SME, I worked closely with the Financial Management team on developing high-end finance solutions and take part in a large finance transformation.
- Provide consulting expertise across the whole breadth of financial modules plus the integration points with the other nonfinancial modules of SAP & Third-party applications.
- Acted as liaison between the finance department and the technical BI team to design, test, and deliver required reports to the finance department.
- Conduct the validation workshops challenge customer requirements from a business point of view and identifies/records potential gaps.
- Created BW Reporting Team Guidelines and Standards documentation for all reporting functions in accordance with SOX requirements.

Apr 2016 - Aug 2016

Aug 2016 - Feb 2017

SANOFI S.A, New York, NY

Lead S/4HANA Finance & SAP FICO Consultant,

- Lead position to prepare required documents user training providing the design alternatives, created prototypes of the business individuals of the business process in SAP.
- Gather requirements for S/4 HANA Finance implementation.
- Build S/4 HANA Design.
- Configured important SAP S/4HANA Finance functionality.
- Migration preparation, installation, and data checks in SAP S/4HANA Finance.
- Detailed understanding and hands-on knowledge SAP Cash Management powered by SAP HANA.
- Customize SAP Integrated Business Planning for Finance and SAP Central Finance in SAP HANA.
- Up to date with the newest developments in the SAP Finance domain (S/4HANA Finance 1511).
- Coordinate with the development team (ABAP) for the development of new functionalities and Reports.
- Troubleshoot issues with document Splitting and Profit Center Determinations in New GL and configuration/ modifications to document splitting rules according to the new business processes and postings.

SAUDIA CATERING & PSAA (SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES), Jeddah, KSA

Senior SAP FICO Consultant,

- Review and approval of all FICO system changes.
- Responsible for leading and guiding the team on Service Improvements & Innovation proposals.
- Support users in the generation of the required reports from the SAP ECC system using standard transactions, SAP Query, and Report Painter.
- Prepared training documents for New GL, AP, AR including profitability Analysis (CO-PA) and Open Text (VIM), Asset Accounting and Period End Activities
- Working knowledge of Credit and Asset Management, Special Ledger FI-SL, New GL- Document splitting, Project Systems, Bank Accounting, Foreign Currency, Treasury.
- Worked on TRM especially Money Marker, Derivatives, Forex Hedge management.
- Intercompany Loan Manage Cash Application Auto Bank Maintain Bank Master Data.
- Worked on Treasury and SAP FSCM Biller Direct
- Manage Cash Disbursements Electronic Funds Transfer Process.
- Configured Bank Reconciliation Electronic and Manual Inbound Bank Communication BCM.

SAUDIA CARGO & SAEI (SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES), Jeddah, KSA

Senior SAP FICO Consultant,

- Testing of all FI custom objects & standards programs for the upgrade project.
- Significantly involved in validation and application of OSS notes using ASU toolbox & SNOTE for system stabilization during
 various phases of the project
- Provided functional support on the issues related to GL, AP, AR, and AA.
- Understand business requirements and provide Functional specifications, Coordinate with the development team (ABAP) for the development of new functionalities and Reports.
- Post Go-Live support and provide the transition to the support team.
- Take part in a task to synch SAP instances (Development, Quality assurance and Production)
- Treasury and Risk Management Exposure, Quantify, Transaction Mgmt. and Hedge Accounting

Jul 2010 - Jun 2012

Jul 2012 - Dec 2014

SAUDIA (SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES), Jeddah, KSA

Senior SAP FICO Consultant,

- Configure SAP FI module involving A/R, A/P, G/L, Asset accounting, and treasury
- Configure House Bank, Automatic payment program setup, lockbox, cash management, and EBS
- Perform realization and acceptance testing for interfacing FI module with CO, SD, MM and PP
- Configure Clients organizational structure involving the company credit control area and company code
- Involved in project testing phase, knowledge transfer, and go-live process Involved in data migration from legacy systems to SAP system using LSMW.
- Integration of FI with MM, PP, and SD modules, Integrated SD and FICO with Project System.
- Rollout Investment Management and Project Systems Module) to other Co. Codes (Create Projects and Work Break Downs Structures (WBS), Settlement Rules for CAPEX and OPEX business scenarios.

SEVENTHSENSE TECHNOLOGIES, Chennai, IN

SAP FICO Associate consultant,

- Resolves issues related to business use of implemented systems or processes by working with systems or process owners and project teams to find acceptable solutions.
- Projection, formation rates, cost analysis, and chart of accounts, Cost control, Reconciliation, Organization, and audit tasks.
- Review of issues with the onsite team daily or as per the criticality of the issues rose.
- Developed conceptual design document for various in-house minor projects related to SAP enhancements.

LAKSHMI GROUPS, Chennai, IN

Finance Executive,

- Preparation of Reconciliations like Bank Reconciliation, AR Reconciliation, AP Reconciliation, etc.
- Monthly preparation of Divisional Profit/Loss along with identification and analysis of profitability and cost factors.
- Preparation and finalization of Annual & Monthly budgets and checking for the budget concurrence.
- Preparation of MIS reports as per requirements like periodical profitability analysis, cash-flow summary, Investment schedule, etc.

ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- MBA in Finance & Technology, SRM University Chennai, India. (May 2009).
- Bachelor of Science in Finance, Accounting & Commerce, University of Madras Chennai, India. (Apr 2006).

SAP CERTIFICATIONS

SAP Certified Application Associate - Treasury with SAP S/4HANA, (C_S4FTR_1909) https://www.youracclaim.com/badges/573c3a3f-905b-4ab0-a7a1-34d9bad7496b/public url

SAP Certified Application Associate - SAP S/4HANA for Financial Accounting Associates (C TS4FI 1909) https://www.youracclaim.com/badges/fc4fb472-e119-4c75-a919-f4ed420b9907/public url

May 2006 - Aug 2007

Jan 2009 - Dec 2009