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Objective

Aspiring for a role of Agile Coach/Scrum Lead/Scrum Master/Agile Practices in IT sector to explore the acquired skills and aid in achieving the organizational goals while ensuring personal growth.

SYNOPSIS

As a Certified Agile Coach, Scrum Master and SAFe Professional, offering **10 plus years** of experience across all aspects of Project Management.

- Certified SAFe Professional and key focus on supporting enterprise adoption of the Scaled Agile Framework for the Enterprise.
- Certified Scrum Master, experience in Scrum/Agile methodology establishing Scrum project management process.
- Spearheaded agile transformation across the organization by coaching & mentoring to ensure that teams are adapted to Scrum practices.
- Actively involved in Product backlog grooming and backlog management, effective sprint planning along with product owners.
- Encouraging practices such as BDD, TDD, Extreme Programming (XP), Pair Programming, Continuous Integration and Automated Testing to reduce risk, improve quality and shorten feedback cycles.
- Coached teams on SAFe, Lean, Kanban, Scrum, Jira and confluence during an Agile transition.
- Demonstrated solid experience in training multiple teams from waterfall to transform and adapt Agile methodology.
- Functional expertise in AWS Cloud Computing, Micro services, MuleSoft, AZURE DevOps, CA Clarity PPM Support, Monitoring Analyst, testing, BA & Documentation.
- Excellent communication, presentation, analytical & logical skills with multitasking ability.
- Liaise effectively and maintain good relations with internal and external stakeholders.
- Conversant with facilitation of testing strategy and release meetings.
- Highly reliable, able to grasp new concepts and methods in the relevant domain and can work under pressure.

CORE COMPETENCIES

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| ➤ Agile & SCRUM Methodology | ➤ Resource Management |
| ➤ SAFe Agile | ➤ Project & Quality Analysis |
| ➤ Kanban Implementation | ➤ Service Delivery Management |
| ➤ Agile Transformation | ➤ Business Development |
| ➤ Software Development Life Cycle | ➤ Team Management |
| ➤ Ways of Working | ➤ Business Coordination |
| ➤ Onsite Project Coordination | ➤ Project Management |
| ➤ Agile Coaching | ➤ Documentation |

CERTIFICATIONS

- ICAgile Certified Professional – Agile Coaching (ICP-ACC)
- Certified Scrum Master from Global Association for Quality Management (CSM/PSM1)
- Certified Scrum Product Owner (CSPO)

- Certified Scrum Professional (CSP)
- SAFe 5.0 Agilist
- Kanban System Design (KMP1)
- Microsoft Certified Azure Fundamentals
- Prince2 Foundation & Practitioner Certification in Project Management
- ITIL® Version 3 Foundation Certificate in Service Management
- Six Sigma Green Belt
- CA Clarity PPM v13.x Professional & CA Clarity PPM v13.x Business Analyst

CLIENTS & DOMAINS

Client Name	Domain
CPA Australia	Accounting
Telstra	Telecommunications
Gartner	Global research and advisory firm
Amazon	American electronic commerce and cloud computing company
American Heart Association (AHA)	Health care & Medical
Ditech	Financial Home Loans
Ericsson	Telecommunications
CA Technologies	PPM
Toronto–Dominion Bank	Banking & Financial
World Bank	Banking & Financial
Hospital Corporation of America	Health care & Medical
Coca Cola	Food Industry

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

1. **Company:** CPA Australia

Role : Agile Coach / Scrum Master

Location: 28, Fresh Water Pl, Southbank, Melbourne, Australia

Duration: Jan'20 – Till Date

Roles Description:

- Assisted organizations in learning Agile Scrum process and implementing within their corporate software environment
- Provided instruction and training to software development teams in the area of Agile software Principles
- Developed and delivered team and organization training materials and workshops, building knowledge and skills to facilitate the Agile transformation
- Mentored teams, leading them to be self-directed with strong accountability, decision making, conflict resolution and transparency
- Evangelized the benefits of Scrum to ensure its smooth adoption
- Worked Closely with Product Owners in creation and maintenance and refining of Product Backlog
- Coached team members on Agile principles and providing general guidance on the methodology
- Sessions on Ways of working
- Facilitated effective and efficient meetings including Agile/Scrum ceremonies – Sprint Planning, Release planning, Daily Scrum, Backlog Refinement, Sprint reviews and Retrospectives.
- Facilitated between the team and the product owner to agree on a clear definition of done.

- Protect development team from outside distractions, impediments or team conflicts, and maintain focus on product backlog and project timeline
- Implemented Scrum boards to visualize the work in progress. Various metrics like Burn down chart, Velocity charts are prepared to understand the current status of the project.
- Maintained storyboards, organized charts within JIRA and influenced best practices to team.
- Mediated conflicts, fostering team and coached individuals improving team dynamics.
- Worked with stakeholders and product owner developing release plans.
- Instigated and promoted strict guidelines of QA practices and regression testing
- Support Agile teams utilizing a variety of processes and methodologies including Test Driven Development, Exploratory Testing, Continuous Integration, Continuous Delivery, Scrum, Lean and Extreme Programming
- Ensure appropriate KPIs are in place for the delivery team and using Agile techniques to measure and demonstrate ongoing improvement
- Facilitated Scrum of Scrum's & Community of Practices for Melbourne teams.

Tools:

- Jira, Confluence, Zephyr, Trello, Easy Agile by Story Mapping, Miro, Azure DevOps, MuleSoft

2. Company: Telstra / Infosys

Role : Scrum Master

Location: 400, George Street, Sydney, Australia

Duration: Nov'18 – Dec'19

Client : Telstra / Infosys

Role : Scrum Master / Iteration Manager

Location: 300, La Trobe, Melbourne, Australia

Duration: Apr'18 – Nov'18

Key Deliverables:

- Responsible for team cadence and program level ceremonies (e.g. PI Planning, show cases, Scrum of Scrums, Release Train Retrospectives, Sprint)
- Working cross functionally to align strategy, methodology and execution to ensure cross-value stream coordination and collaboration.
- Facilitate alignment dependencies between the program team and vendors, release managers, and between the team and other Scrum Teams. Closely partnering with the Product Manager & IT Delivery Owner
- Maintaining metrics that provide visibility to stakeholders on program-level plans, progress and quality
- Working with other program leaders to drive the definition and refinement of the program backlog
- Involving team in PI planning to make them understand the importance of commitments and time lines.
- Well planned capacity & healthy sprint backlogs for team.

AGILE DELIVERY:

- Responsible for AGILE processes and acting as the delivery champion.
- Coach the team on Agile principles and practices.
- Risk identification, mitigation strategies and management.
- Facilitate a delivery approach that allows for a mix of technical and non-technical work to improve delivery capability.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT:

- Develop, monitor and communicate team reporting and metrics.
- Facilitate sessions with team/s focused on using data and measures to drive change and improvements.
- Ensure improvements are fed into delivery processes & customer value is delivered frequently.
- Ensure the team remains focused on priorities and aligned to strategy and road maps, and that backlog and release plans are maintained

LEADERSHIP:

- Create clarity around purpose of work and how it contributes to the overall strategy and goals of the organization.
- Identify impediments and remove them.
- Provide guidance/direction in times of change; lead by example conveying flexibility and adaptability.
- Responsible for establishing cadence and program level ceremonies with team.

COMMUNICATION:

- Act as a key contact point for Information relating to the team and delivery commitments.
- Ensure cross-team collaboration and communication on inter-dependencies for deliverables are managed effectively.
- Liaison for queries from stakeholders on delivery progress, milestones, blockers, risks etc.
- Manage team capacity in relation to demand from Product Owners and Portfolio Managers.

CEREMONIES:

- Daily Stand-ups | Sprint Planning | Prepare / Run Showcases and Retrospectives | Backlog Refinement

Tools:

- Jira, Confluence, Zephyr, Trello, Bitbucket.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Developed, coached and mentored my team to successfully deliver
- Supported team for best practices to promote understanding of agile values and scrum principles
- Drove continuous improvement via Inspect and Adapt workshops

3. Company: REAN Cloud India Private Limited**Role :** Scrum Master**Location:** Hyderabad**Duration:** Jun'16 – March' 18**Key Deliverables:**

- Coaching and mentoring teams on **Scrum** methodologies.
- Leading Daily Scrums and remove impediments.
- Monitoring sprint burn down charts and maintain other productivity metrics.
- Protects the Sprint Backlog from scope creep.
- Acts as liaison between stakeholders and teams to negotiate Sprint scope.
- Facilitates Sprint Review Meetings, using outcome to work with product management in updating the Product Backlog
- Facilitates Sprint Retrospective Meetings and expedite plans for improvement
- Effort Estimation, Strategy & Planning, Team Management, Project Management, Delivery Management, Agile, **Scrum**, driving velocity, Getting best out of the sprint planning meetings.
- Effective communication, Self-motivated, Self-Driven, Confident, Well Disciplined, Flexible, Quick learner and always ready for new responsibilities and challenging roles.
- Conduct agile sessions in spreading agile awareness within organization in general & team in specific, educating & guiding teams on becoming self-organizing
- Sprint Retrospectives to assist the teams focus on SMART action items
- Working with team on agile artifacts - DoD, Sprint Plan, Release burndown chart, Velocity chart
- Worked on backlog grooming and sprint planning using RALLY/Jira /Confluence

Accomplishments – Won Star Award of the Month (Feb 2017) for best performance**4. Company:** Excers Technologies**Role :** Scrum Master**Location:** Hyderabad

Duration: Sep'11-Jun'16

Key Deliverables:

- 5 years of experience on CA PPM (Clarity Project Portfolio Management) tool with 3 years as Scrum Master, and 2 years of Project coordination and initially as a developer.
- Coaching and ensuring the team compliance to agile principles
- Facilitating and Leading the Backlog grooming, Sprint Planning, Daily Scrum, Sprint Review, Retrospective and Scrum of Scrum meetings.
- Removing impediments & Technical Support to the team.
- Keep track of Burn-down charts and guide the team to take corrective actions to meet the sprint goals.
- Keep track of Sprints and guide the team to ensure the Velocity is consistent throughout the product development
- Helping the product owner on creating and prioritizing the user stories to maximize the ROI.
- Generate reports using various metrics such as Velocity, Team Capacity, Story Points, Impediments, Defect Count, ROI, Earned Value Metrics etc.
- Manage resources, timelines, customer interaction and deliverables of the project.
- Team management, Status reporting and Project tracking.
- Review of the Requirements and performing Business impact analysis.
- Worked for Ericsson project for 2 years on the various tickets such as Enhancement, Bug-Fix, Ado and Admin.
- To entire the Admin category and in addition working on the Integrations of data from various interfaces.
- To send status email of the tickets and data updates followed by a weekly status and monthly.
- Updated the HP Quality Centre for the bugs raised and uploaded the new test case documents.
- Monitored clarity servers, prepared issue logs, reported to the concerned teams and analyzed the causes for the performance.

5. Worked as Jr. DBA, IBM, Chennai

(Nov'10 – Sep'11)

6. Worked as Customer Support Associate, Primark, London

(Oct'07 – Aug'09)

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- **Database Language** - Mainframes DBA, Oracle SQL/PLSQL
- **PPM Tool** - Clarity Project Portfolio Management
- **Reporting** - Crystal Reports, Jasper Reports
- **Testing** - SDLC, Manual Testing
- **Networking** - NOC Activities

ACADEMIA

- **Master of Science (Computer Systems)** from University of East London, England in 2009
- **B. Tech. (Mechanical)** from Vidya Jyothi Institute of Technology, Hyderabad in 2006

VISA STATUS

- **USA** – B1/B2 Visa
- **Australia** – Permanent Residency
- **New Zealand** – Work Rights
- **Canada** – Visiting Visa