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Accomplishment driven **Senior Application Release Manager with over 15** years of solid onsite and offshore experience and expertise in managing both Major and Minor release sprints along with Scrum management set ups for the Top Investment Banks. Managed Agile Scrum ceremonies and managing backlogs for Product releases. Successful in reorganizing, Automation streamlining and strengthening existing agile process, identifying inefficient processes and implementing reliable and cost-effective solutions to improve quality and ensure on-time delivery of Change and release management deliverables as well as enhance department efficiencies amidst fast-paced working environments.

### Key competencies

* Good experience in Release Management, Deployment Management, CI/CD set ups and SDLC.
* Good working knowledge of all aspects of end to end release management.
* Review incoming initiatives and design solutions for large and medium scale projects. This includes selection and review of technology frameworks/architecture to be used on projects
* Develop and implement digital technology solutions with appropriate software design methodology in a dynamic and faced paced team environment.
* Proven track record of setting up Release and deployment automation for different technologies.
* Experienced release management in agile scrum framework using JIRA Stories, Epics as base for weekly releases using Fix version in JIRA tool for each release.
* Proven track record of guiding teams on continuous integration and delivery practices.
* Strong grasp JIRA, GIT Bit bucket, Team city, Service now, confluence
* Passion for increasing quality and driving business value while simultaneously decreasing the effort to get there.

**TECHNICAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:**

* ITIL Foundation Certified (V2 & V3)
* ITIL Practitioner Release & Control Certified (V2)
* Prince-2 Practioner training with certification
* Domain Knowledge: Information Technology Services, Financial Services (Investment Banking, Retails and Corporate Banking)
* Application Servers: IBM WebSphere Application Server 6.1/7.0/8.0/8.5 and Oracle WebLogic Application Server 10.3/12.1
* Software Language understanding: Pyhton scripting , JAVA/J2EE , C, C++, Informatica ETL, IBM Mainframes.
* SDLC and STLC: Water and Agile Scrum methodologies well versed.
* Source control management solutions: Nexus, Git, SVN
* Database: Data ware house, Oracle 8.0/9i/10g/11i, SQL Server 7.0/2000,DB2, MS Access, Ontario’s FACS SQL, Informatica
* Tools: Informatica ETC, Sales force, Service Now, Remedy, JIRA, Git bitbucket, uDeploy, Jira, Teamcity, Jenkins, UNIX, LINUX, AIX, PUTTY, WINSCP, Openshift, Kubernetes, Docker
* Monitoring Tools- CA Wily Introscope, IBM Tivoli Performance Viewer, Dynatrace and Splunk
* SWIFT, Trade Finance, Transactions, Transfer, Standing orders, Direct debits, Accounts, Balances, File transfers, ACH

**ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION:**

Electronics and Communication (Department of Technical Education Bangalore (AICTE New Delhi) Full time.

**Work Experience:**

**Allstate Corporation Onsite Release Manager US Chicago**

**Application Release Manager Feb 11th 2016 to till date**

Part of Allstate Road Side Service BU headquarters in Chicago US. Was reporting directly to the Director Head of Infrastructure and Operations. There were around 20 ARS Java based applications in-house data center and hosting services. Looking after the India Pune Deployment and small development team as Delivery/Release Manager. Involved in transitioning the projects from traditional waterfall model to agile scrum model. Travelled US multiple times on business visa for the transition.

* Maintain the Allstate Enterprise IT release calendar and adhere to the process and the dates.
* Act as interface between the technical team and the product owner, ensuring there is good collaboration.
* Development and maintenance of release notes and go-live plans
* Checking projects have meet the entry criteria for regression testing
* Perform risk analysis, planning and approvals for late admissions into scheduled releases and for all changes not in a scheduled release
* Conduct Release Readiness reviews, Milestone Reviews, and Business Go/No-Go reviews
* Produce Deployment, Run Books and Implementation Plans
* Communicate release details and schedules to internal and external stakeholders as required
* Lead and coordinate the Go-Live activities including the execution of the deployment Plans and checklists.
* Develops/promotes automation tools used to build, integrate, and deploy software releases to various platforms
* Participate in bi-weekly/monthly operational review meetings to discuss release progress, roadblocks and risks
* Maintains a release repository and manages key information such as build and release procedures, dashboards, dependencies, and notification lists
* Forward Plan the release windows and cycles across a IBM Banking Clients
* Manage [risks](http://www.plutora.com/insights/2015/whats-release-management-risk-factor-5-questions/) and resolves issues that affect release scope, schedule and quality
* Measure and monitor progress to ensure application releases are delivered on time and within budget, and that they meet or exceed expectations
* Communicate all key project plans, commitments, and changes including requirements, QA plans, schedule, and scope changes
* Manage relationships and coordinate work between different teams at different locations
* Conduct Release Readiness reviews, Milestone Reviews, and Business Go/No-Go reviews
* Produce Deployment, Run Books and Implementation Plans for all Infinity Business Unit
* Weekly Release Reporting to SunGard Infinity Leadership teams
* Communicate release details and schedules to the Business as required
* Lead and co-ordinate the Go-Live activities including the execution of the deployment Plans and checklists.

**Deutsche Bank Corporation Pune**

**DSH Delivery Release Manager 11th Feb 2015 to Feb 2016**

The Common Data Sourcing Hub (CDS), part of the GTO - Corporate Technology, is responsible for sourcing finance data across different business units, systems in a consistent, structured and governed manner to different consumers primarily one being the Financial Data warehouse (FDW)

* Participate in Delivery and Release and Multiple Project Planning.(Project and Release Planning by requesting time slots and efforts from various teams (e.g. DEV team or QA team) to perform the Release preparation activities)
* Stakeholder Identification and management
* Drive the development and supported multiple risk regulatory applications like FCL, FIM, CRES with different vendors.
* Retrieve current state Release Scope
* Raise and assign Release JIRAs (Tasks)
* Continuous review and planning sessions with the application team esp. in case of extraordinary or complex releases.
* Forward Implementation Steps and timings to Release Central Runbook
* Execute Release activities as per the Deployment Notes for each application in the dedicated Pre-PROD environment
* Create and modify Remedy change tickets.( Initial version of GCM ticket.
* Especially required (with planned tasks for 3rd parties e.g. Linux or Oracle DBA or Hadoop teams) to start planning engagement with them)
* Conduct Multiple sessions between CTB team <-> SL3 <-> SL2 to transfer knowledge of Release Scope and changes to functional scope by the release. Updates to runbooks. Replay session from SL2 to SL3 and sign-off.
* Work on Final End-to-End Release Notes.
* OLA document for all new feeds of the release and timings
* Monitoring of all new feeds and timings (by SL2 team) either via Geneos Monitor or manual checks
* Execute Dress Rehearsal. Execute the PROD Deployment, Technical and Business Smoke Test tasks as per Runbook and report on results, remediate issues.

**BNY Mellon Bank Pune 22nd July 2013 to 4th Feb 2015**

**Oncore Fund Accounting Eagle Application Release Manager**

* Own the Eagle Fund Accounting Release Delivery management life cycle ending with warranty phase
* Lead the 20 team as Release Manager for three consecutive quarterly delivery schedules resulting in 100% on time deliverables with only 10% defects - an all-time low in defect numbers.
* Closely work with project teams and test teams to ensure that entry and exit criteria are well defined understood and managed.
* Review for proper documentation of a deployment plan with release notes along with a roll-back plan.
* Manage risks and resolves issues that affect release scope, schedule and quality
* Measure, monitor and report progress to ensure application releases are delivered on time and within budget, and that they meet or exceed expectations
* Manage relationships and coordinate work between different teams at different locations
* Conduct Release Readiness reviews, Milestone Reviews, and Business Go/No-Go reviews.
* Formed new code review and Impact analysis governance process.
* Produce Deployment, Release Notes and Implementation Plans
* Strives for continuous improvements and streamlining of processes.

**S1 Corporation Europe and Pune**

**June 2010 to 15th July 2013**

S1 Corporate Banking allows you to provide your Corporate banking customers a comprehensive solution to manage their daily financial transactions. Customers can access their accounts as often as they like and from any Internet-enabled computer. S1 Enterprise Trade Finance is an automated, Web-based trade system. It enables company to manage its time-sensitive international trade transactions through a direct communication to the bank over the Internet.

**Worked for Clients British Arab Commercial BANK (BACB) and UniCredit Bank Hong Kong**

**British Arab Bank Responsibilities:**

* Own the entire release management life cycle for BACB Bank.
* Lead the Release team as a Deployment Manager for three consecutive quarterly delivery schedules resulting in 100% on time deliverables with only 10% defects - an all-time low in defect numbers.
* Maintains and works with Development, QA and Project management teams to ensure code releases are planned, controlled and managed through test environments through to Production
* Review for proper documentation of a deployment plan with release notes along with a roll-back plan.
* Measure, monitor and report progress to ensure application releases are delivered on time and within budget, and that they meet or exceed expectations
* Coordinate release content and effort based on the service request backlog, pending service requests, third party applications, or operating system updates
* Communicate all key project plans, commitments, and changes including requirements, development plans, schedule, and scope changes
* Conduct Release Readiness reviews, Milestone Reviews, and Business Go/No-Go reviews.
* Formed new code review and Impact analysis governance process.
* Produce Deployment, Release Notes and Implementation Plans
* Work with Project managers to understand impacts of branches and code merges.
* Work with test managers and test pillars to gather all test cases scenarios and upload them on release run books.
* Conduct the dress rehearsal activities into UAT environments
* Maintain the release schedule for all core services and ensure alignment across key stakeholders, including Cloud Operations team.
* Chair the Release meetings to discuss release scope and/or roadblocks
* Chair the Deployment Bridge and run the release during weekends within specified window and perform Business smoke testing for all applications in scope of the release.
* Maintain a release repository and manages key information such as build and release procedures, dependencies, and notification lists
* Maintains a Project repository run books and manages key information such as build and release procedures, dependencies, and notification lists.

**SunGard Technology Services Pvt Ltd Pune 2nd Jan 2009 to June 2010**

**UAT Test and Release Manager**

* Responsibility for managing testing resources, planning of test deliveries and managing the test execution phase.
* Plan, delegate, and manage, day to day testbed activities and manage all test resources working in the testbed
* Develops and designs standards and procedures, ensures that they are adhered to throughout the software development life cycle.
* Defining Test Strategies for New Major Software Releases and conduct the testing environment feasibility study on Network Impact Reports
* Strives for continuous improvements and streamlining of processes.
* Ensures consistency and quality of processes across the organization.
* Collaborates with client leads and development organizations and partners with business users.
* Evaluates subordinates' performance and makes decisions on pay increases, promotions, terminations, etc.
* Analyzes trends at an organizational level to improve processes; follows and analyzes industry trends.
* Exhibits in-depth understanding of concepts and procedures within own area and basic knowledge of these elements in other areas.
* Produce performance testing release workload definition and analysis, factoring in known or projected volumes and transaction mix, to ensure coverage of critical SunGard business transactions.

**Mphasis and EDS Company Bangalore/Pune 17th Sept 2002-31st Dec2008**

**Client** – **ABN AMRO**

**SWIFT Application Development and Release Lead**

The SWIFT project is being developed to support all financial transaction can be carried out between bank to bank to globally; transactions can be done in terms of messages of different types such as MT1xx to MT9xx, types of of messages having its own significant, the workflow start and finally it taking care of settlement and confirmations. Basically, SWIFT stands for Society for Worldwide International Financial Transaction; society having 1818 banks of membership, among that ABN-Amro is also one.

* Responsible for the Software Development, Release Management lifecycle which includes scheduling, coordinating and the management of releases across Barclays BARx FX for multiple applications across various portfolios and operating units.
* The releases can be inclusive of application updates, operating system patches, security improvements, hardware upgrades, Projects and Programs. Role Details – Key Responsibilities and Accountabilities:
* Forward Plan the release windows and cycles across a portfolio
* Participate in CAB meetings to discuss release scope and/or roadblocks across various portfolios.
* Manage risks and resolves issues that affect release scope, schedule and quality
* Measure and monitor progress to ensure application releases are delivered on time and within budget, and that they meet or exceed expectations
* Communicate all key project plans, commitments, and changes including requirements, QA plans, schedule, and scope changes
* Manage relationships and coordinate work between different teams, different partners, business units working from different locations
* Conduct Release Readiness reviews, Milestone Reviews, and Business Go/No-Go reviews
* Produce Deployment, Run Books and Implementation Plans
* Periodic Release Reporting to different levels of stakeholders.
* Communicate release details and schedules to all stakeholders as require
* Negotiate, plan and manage all release activities
* Work with release engineers to understand impacts of branches and code merges
* Maintains the release schedule for all core services and ensure alignment across key partners and vendors.
* Continually work towards making improvements in the release process
* Lead and co-ordinate the Go-Live activities including the execution of the deployment Plans and checklists.