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"Background Information"

DATA ANALYST • STAFF ACCOUNTANT

▶ Numbers Crunched • Beans Counted • Data Wrangled ◀

With a passion for analyzing data and developing software solutions, I am pivoting from *financial accounting* and *corporate finance* into *data analytics* into *managerial (cost) accounting*.



I help my employer utilize its data and manage its money, in the most efficient manner possible:

- In various capacities, I have used at least a dozen ERP systems and G/L accounting programs.
- I have been a liaison several times, interfacing between Accounting/Finance and Legal, IT, and Marketing teams.
- I served clients in *seventeen* contract positions for *five* staffing agencies. *Five* seasonal clients/employers requested to re-engage, while *three* agency jobs were extended. You may surmise that I learn new software quickly and can easily adapt to varying corporate cultures.
- In various jobs, I received awards and commendations. Quotations from some of these appear within my résumé.
- I love the profession I have chosen; and I would like to help your analytics team to address its data analysis and financial recordkeeping challenges.

Employers, hobbies, and continuing education:

- To expand my capabilities, I have taken fifteen courses since attaining my BS degree in Finance.
- My hobby and leisure interests include visiting museums and historical sites; acoustic music (I am a beginner-level musician; I enjoy bluegrass, folk, and Celtic music); square/contra dancing; and scenic/event photography. I have written over 105 newspaper columns, for a music-focused publication. During quiet times, or when stuck at home, I enjoy sudoku and jigsaw puzzles.
- My employers and agency clients have included American Century Investments, Guidant Cardio-Vascular (now Boston Scientific), US Geological Survey, Tyco Healthcare (now Medtronic), Applied Materials, Hewlett-Packard, VMware, and SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory.

Beyond financial accounting, I have a passion for managerial (cost) accounting and data analysis. In other words, I am looking to *analyze vital business data rather than process recurring accounting transactions*:

- To facilitate this "pivot," I am enrolled in online training courses. Please click over to [Microsoft Professional Program in Data Science](#) and [Microsoft Excel for the Data Analyst](#) for a partial description of the coursework.
- During college, I learned two programming languages, while today I create *Excel* macros using *VBA* scripts. I have rudimentary knowledge of *MS Access* and was exposed to two other database programs. Early on, I learned that *SQL* was a powerful tool for data management, but only recently did I have the opportunity to learn more.
- Expanding my skills into data analytics seems like a logical career progression. I am enjoying the subject matter and am excited about what I can do with these new skills. While I am primarily looking to "analyze data," I could help your finance/accounting team as well, given how that is a big part of my past experience.

I may be qualified to help your team in several capacities, such as:

- Inventory management and cost accounting
- Financial forecasting and trend analysis
- Commissions analysis and payroll processing
- Cash balance optimization and bank account recons
- Website analytics and social media utilization statistics
- Other projects or special tasks that I'm unaware of

Additional professional and leisure information can be accessed from my [Dropbox](#) and [GitHub](#) accounts. Please ask to see my personal website and my YouTube channel as well.