GAURAV BHATIA

3+ Years Experience | Project Management | Strategy

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EXPERIENCE

Associate Principal - Digital Strategy & Project Management
Körber AG

📅 Jun 2023 – Oct 2023   📍 Hamburg, Germany

Reported to Director, Principal Consulting & Client Advisory, Global

- Developed digital transformation strategies and roadmaps, focusing on agile projects involving Data Analytics, Cloud, IIoT, and AI-based solutions for Manufacturing IT.
- Advised C-suite executives on strategic initiatives, ensuring alignment with project portfolio, industry trends, and emerging technologies.
- Collaborated with key IT & Business stakeholders to outline and optimize the service portfolio, organizational structure, & geographical positioning (Client: Novo Nordisk).
- Created in-depth blueprint documents that outlined the development & integration of strategies, estimating a 40% cost reduction & a 25% efficiency improvement in a year.

Project Manager - Public Cloud
Allianz Tech SE

📅 May 2022 - Oct 2022   📍 Munich, Germany

Reported to Tribe Lead, Future Cloud Division, EMEA - MBA Work Placement

- Agile Project Management for API, AWS & Azure cloud-based services by supporting Service Strategy, Communication & Operations for a distributed team of 40 engineers and operations professionals, serving 100 internal customers with P&L > €90 Million.
- Successfully managed cross-functional teams, regulated Service Offerings & Reviews, Incident Management, SLAs Management, Roadmap Creation & C-level Reporting.
- Monitored Projects Progress, Project Risks, Project Performance & Cost Optimization.
- Interim Product Owner (4 months), prioritized & managed product backlogs, facilitated agile ceremonies including iteration planning, iteration reviews & retrospectives.
- Tracked KPIs, SLA accomplishments, & enhanced stakeholder communication through standardized reporting, increasing operational efficiency & cost optimization by 20%.

Project Manager - IT PMO/ IT Portfolio
Merck KGaA

📅 Aug 2021 - Apr 2022   📍 Frankfurt, Germany

Reported to Chief Information Officer (CIO), Merck Group Functions (IT for Procurement, Finance & Business Services), EMEA - MBA Work Placement

- IT Operational Project & Portfolio Management for Finance, Procurement & Business Services for 60+ projects evaluating over €40 Million.
- Performed analysis and reporting of the portfolio using systems like SAP & PowerBI, in terms of Scheduling, Budgeting, Vendor Management & Request for Proposal (RFP/RFI)
- Monitored Project Scope, Project Financials (Actuals & Forecasts), Project Schedule, Change Requests, Project Documentation & Stakeholders Communication.
- Implemented IT project stage gates for strategic alignment and quality control.
- Developed and maintained the Business/IT Playbook for process documentation.
- Reported identified Project Metrics/KPIs to Senior Management (C Level), resulting in a 30% increase in project visibility & improvement in decision-making.

Visiting Consultant - Strategy and Project Management
Estancia GmbH, Univations GmbH & Weingut Münzberg

📅 Oct 2020 – Jul 2021   📍 Bernburg, Germany

Reported to CEO, Strategy Division, EMEA - MBA Project Consultant

- Successfully led and delivered digital transformation initiatives across various industries by creating digital roadmaps, business cases & executing agile project mgmt approach.
- Conducted strategic assessments, identified opportunities, partners, and challenges.
- Performed a thorough competitor analysis and delivered a data-driven recommendation plan, introducing substantial new revenue streams totaling €500,000.

PROFILE

IT Project management professional with **3+ years of experience in Strategy & Project Mgmt,** serving EMEA clients. **Double graduate** with an **MBA** & an **MSc Computer Science,** with proven track record of successful projects in Germany.
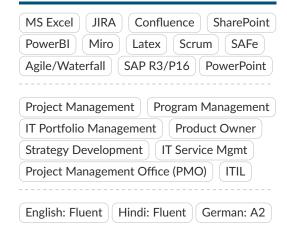
EDUCATION

MBA – International Business Management
Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Germany

📅 Oct 2020 – May 2023   📍 DE [Degree] [Thesis]

MSc – Computer Science
Technische Universität Darmstadt, Germany

📅 Oct 2013 – Jan 2018   📍 DE [Degree] [Publication]

BE – Information & Technology
Rajiv Gandhi Technical University, India

📅 Jul 2008 – Jun 2012   📍 IND [Degree] [Publication]

SKILLS & STRENGTH

`MS Excel` `JIRA` `Confluence` `SharePoint` `PowerBI` `Miro` `Latex` `Scrum` `SAFe` `Agile/Waterfall` `SAP R3/P16` `PowerPoint`

`Project Management` `Program Management` `IT Portfolio Management` `Product Owner` `Strategy Development` `IT Service Mgmt` `Project Management Office (PMO)` `ITIL`

`English: Fluent` `Hindi: Fluent` `German: A2`

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Scrum Master (CSM)
Scrum Alliance, USA

Project Management Professional (PMP)
TIA Education, USA

RESEARCH WORK

Project Management & AI Researcher
📅 Nov 2022 – May 2023   📍 Berlin, Germany

The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Project Mgmt Knowledge Areas, Processes & PMO [Pub]

Data Analysis & AI Researcher
📅 April 2017 – Aug 2019   📍 Darmstadt, Germany

Projects on NLP, Machine Learning [Pub1] [Pub2]