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## Summary

Junior Software Engineer

PSPO 1 Accredited Scrum Product Owner

## Experience



### Junior Software Engineer

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May 2021 - Present (2 months +)

Tech transition course for software development role.



### Product Owner / Founder

Biota Sugarcane

Dec 2019 - Present (1 year 7 months +)

A software developer and I have been building a software for sugarcane farmers in north east Queensland. My role has mainly encompassed product ownership. The MVP is being tested by our first farmer and is continuously going through new iterations.

It is a side project and has been slow, especially since we haven't been able to visit any farmers since the beginning of the project due to coronavirus. Regardless it is something I am very proud of, especially having it available on the app store.



### Business Analyst & Technical Support Specialist

Penelope by Social Solutions

Aug 2019 - Present (1 year 11 months +)

This position involved:

- Engaging with multiple stakeholders to review and analyse the stakeholders' business intentions, services, processes and information needs, including capturing 'as is' and 'to be' business processes and generating process flows for these.
- Extensive interaction with a variety of clients while assisting clients with change management
- Running product related webinars and training sessions
- Ongoing internal process improvement to improve ease of implementing required tasks, and design changes to improve effectiveness of training sessions for all Business Analysts.
- Use of Salesforce, Jira and Confluence on a daily basis.
- Technical Support



### Product Owner

Box+Dice

Aug 2018 - Nov 2018 (4 months)

- Engaging with multiple stakeholders to elicit requirements, including developers, real estate agents, accountants, and the company's founder/CEO.

- Ensure smooth flow of requirements through the development lifecycle
- Application of the agile development methodology
- Analysis of new features and bugs, to be developed



## **IT Business Analyst**

Australian Government Department of Human Services

Jul 2017 - Apr 2018 (10 months)

My role at DHS was with the classification system for documents in order for the system to allocate them appropriately to frontline workers. For this I:

- Completed functional specifications
- Used SAP HANA, and SAP Fiori on a regular basis
- Worked towards my ECBA (IIBA) qualification
- Learnt basic SQL commands
- Held the first ever DHS internal Hackathon;
- Led a small team to develop an innovation proposal, as well as guiding three small teams to develop their innovative ideas.
- Researched innovation in AI/cognitive learning;



## **Plantation Assistant and Field Technician**

CO2 Australia Limited

Jul 2011 - Feb 2014 (2 years 8 months)

I undertook various vegetation surveys, data collection, and seedling quality assurance at sites near Ravensthorpe and Dongara, Western Australia, and Condobolin, New South Wales. Tasks included:

- Job Hazard Analysis
- Carbon Inventory including Destructive and non-destructive tree sampling
- Data Entry, Quality Assurance and database updates
- Fatigue management
- GPS data entry
- Contractor health and safety awareness
- Editing of a health and safety manual

## **Education**



### **Murdoch University**

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Environmental Science, Environmental Restoration

2010 - 2013

This degree has been a great base for everything I do in life.



### **Curtin University**

Postgraduate Diploma, Accounting

2015 - 2017

I went in to the degree hoping to be an accountant, but came out wanting to be in IT. The skills I have learnt, especially in Finance, have been applicable in my work and learning as a Business Analyst.



### **Lehigh University**

Global Village for Future Leaders, Leadership

2015 - 2015

A five week applied leadership and cross cultural training program held in Bethlehem, USA.

I was one of 92 interns, from 45 countries. I have kept close ties with many of the alumni.

## **Licenses & Certifications**



**Audited: Data Science Foundations Professional Certificate - IBM**



**Certificate of New Venture Leadership - Massachusetts Institute of Technology**



**Professional Scrum Product Owner 1 (PSPO I) - Scrum.org**

## **Skills**

Sustainability • Environmental Policy • Management • Environmental Management Systems • Research  
• Sustainable Development • Intrapreneurship • Product Management