PRAVEN KUMMAR

REGIONAL IT PROJECT MANAGER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A highly accomplished IT Project Manager with a decade of proven success delivering complex projects from both the **vendor (Service Integrator, Professional Services, Consultant)** and **end-user** perspectives. Possesses 7 years of experience directing regional projects across APAC and Europe, serving a wide range of industries including **Banking, Insurance, FSI, FinTech, Telecommunications, Manufacturing, Medical, ICT, Aviation, Government and Hospitality**. Expertly leverages Agile (Scrum/Kanban), Waterfall (SDLC), PMI/PMP, and PRINCE2 principles to deliver high-value solutions. Key achievements include directing multi-million dollar initiatives, such as a $10M USD Cybersecurity project, alongside driving critical Software Development, Cloud and E-invoicing projects with an average value exceeding $250K USD. Excels in C-level stakeholder engagement and vendor negotiation. Currently leading key initiatives in Singapore, ensuring IMDA/Peppol compliance while seeking challenging senior IT Project Manager roles within leading multinational corporations.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Project & Program Leadership:**

  - **Strategic Management:** Program & Portfolio (PPM) Coordination, Business Case Development, Benefits Realization Management.

  - **Delivery Management:** End-to-End Project Lifecycle, Stakeholder & C-Suite Communication, Budgeting & Cost Control, Risk Management (RAID).

  - **People Leadership:** Cross-Functional Team Leadership, Mentorship & Coaching, Organizational Change Management (Prosci/ADKAR principles).

  - **Commercial Acumen:** Vendor & Contract Management (SOW, SLA negotiation), Procurement Lifecycle Management.

- **Methodologies & Frameworks:** Agile (Scrum, Kanban), Waterfall, SDLC, PMI/PMP, PRINCE2, ITIL, Six Sigma.

- **Tools & Platforms:** JIRA, MS Project, MS Visio, Power BI, Microsoft 365 Suite (Teams, SharePoint, Planner), Cloud Platforms (AWS, Azure), ERP Systems (SAP, Oracle, NetSuite,etc), Java/Spring Boot.

- **Cybersecurity, Network & Infrastructure:**

  - **Governance, Risk & Compliance (GRC):** IT Audit, IT Governance (MAS TRM, RMIT), Financial Compliance (**AML/Fraud/KYC**),Frameworks (NIST, ISO 27001), Data Privacy (GDPR, PDPA), Compliance (SOC2, PCI DSS, ISO 20022MX).

  - **Security Technologies & Operations:** SIEM, VAPT, Threat & Vulnerability Management, Identity & Access Management (IAM: SSO, MFA, 2FA), Privileged Access Management (PAM), Database Activity Monitoring (DAM), Endpoint Security (EPP/EDR), Zero Trust Architecture.

  - **Infrastructure & Data Management:** Data Center Operations, Disaster Recovery (DR) Planning, Server & Storage Management, Virtualization, Data Migration Projects, Active Directory Services.

  - **Network & Cloud:** Cloud Architecture (AWS Architecting), Cloud Security (AWS Security Engineering), Cloud Operations (AWS DevOps), On-Premise to Cloud Migration, Network Security (Firewalls, IDS/IPS), Network Segmentation, VPN & IPv6 Management.

- **Technical Project Domains:**

- **Software Development:** End-to-End SDLC Management, Requirements Analysis, System Design, UAT Facilitation, CI/CD Pipeline Management.

- **Architecture & Integrations:** Microservices Architecture (DDD), API & Middleware Integration, Secure File Transfer Protocols (FTP, SFTP, FTPS), ERP System Integration.

- **FinTech & E-invoicing:** Payment Gateway Integration (GIRO, PayNow, MEPS, FAST, TT), Bank & Trade Finance, Accounts Receivable/Payable (AR/AP) Processes, E-invoicing (Peppol/InvoiceNow).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Regional IT Project Manager | DataPost Pte Ltd, Singapore (January 2024 – Present)

- Directed the end-to-end development and deployment of a white-label SaaS InvoiceNow solution for CIMB and OCBC, managing the full project lifecycle including AR/AP process integration and payment gateway implementation (GIRO, PayNow, MEPS, FAST, TT) compliant with ISO 20022MX standards.

- Spearheaded Agile integration projects for key clients including Acer, Mapletree, and Singtel, utilizing File Transfer Protocols (FTP, SFTP, FTPS) and APIs to enable seamless, automated data exchange with diverse ERPs.

- Achieved full Peppol Service Provider accreditation for the company's Malaysian entity by single-handedly managing the entire end-to-end setup.

- Led compliance coordination for Singapore (InvoiceNow) and Malaysia (MyInvoice) e-invoicing standards, translating technical requirements and managing compliance testing with the government authorities like IMDA and MDEC.

Vice President, IT Project Manager | Great Eastern Life Sdn Bhd, Malaysia (May 2021 – December 2023)

- Enhanced regional security posture across 5 countries by directing the deployment of critical endpoint, server, and mobile security solutions covering ~8,000 endpoints and ~550 servers.

- Managed the procurement (RFI/RFQ/RFP) of security solutions valued at approximately **$2M USD**.

- Implemented comprehensive cybersecurity strategies incorporating Zero Trust principles, ensuring compliance with local regulations like MAS TRM and RMIT.

IT Cyber Security Project Manager | Techlab Security Sdn Bhd, Malaysia (April 2019 – May 2021)

- Managed a high-value, **$10M USD** IBM QRadar (SIEM) implementation project for Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN).

- Led a 2-year Agile project for Malaysia Airlines to integrate 58 applications into a Single Sign-On (SSO) system.

- Directed an Agile Thycotic PAM implementation for Genting Highlands, securing privileged access by integrating over 1,000 servers and validating 411 applications.

IT Project Manager, APAC Region | Carl Zeiss Pte Ltd, Singapore (March 2017 – April 2019)

- Achieved annual cost savings of **€80,442** by delivering an automated global order confirmation report project.

- Spearheaded the Agile development and rollout of the 'Lens Order Database, Digital' across 8 APAC countries, integrating multiple local ERPs with Microsoft Azure.

- Upgraded 7 critical business interfaces to Microsoft Cloud, improving system reliability, scalability, and security.

IT Project Executive cum System Analyst | Hewlett-Packard (HP) Sdn Bhd, Malaysia (May 2014 – March 2017)

- Contributed to the successful operational separation of HPE and HPI by providing coordination and analysis for the complex global Active Directory split.

- Supported the successful migration of users to the Office 365 / Microsoft 365 platform.

- Received the "Best Performing Employee of the Year" award in 2015.

CERTIFICATIONS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- PRINCE2® Practitioner

- ITIL® Foundation Certificate in IT Service Management

- Architecting on AWS

- Security Engineering on AWS

- DevOps Engineering on AWS

- IBM Certified Deployment Professional - Security QRadar SIEM V7.1

- IPv6 Forum Certified Network Engineer (Silver)

- Scrum Fundamentals Certified (Expired Aug 2020)

(Note: A comprehensive list of additional professional development courses is available on my LinkedIn profile.)

EDUCATION

B.Sc. (Hons) in Business Information Systems (Majoring in IT)

Asia Pacific University (APU), Malaysia / Staffordshire University

Graduated with Honours - **CGPA: 3.21**

LANGUAGES

- **English:** Native/Bilingual Proficiency

- **Tamil:** Native/Bilingual Proficiency

- **Bahasa Malaysia:** Full Professional Proficiency

- **German:** Elementary Proficiency