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PROJECT MANAGER

PMP

Certified Scrum Master

**Professional Summary**

 Project Manager with twelve (12) years experience in Project Management.  Managed multiple projects under multiple programs related to business & system areas like financial & banking , e-commerce, insurance claims, data warehousing, infrastructure upgrades, security systems & marketing systems. Managed projects under highly complex & competitive environments and within required cost, time & quality parameters.  Managed projects through the complete lifecycle using methodologies  based on  Waterfall & Agile techniques.  Led the teams span up to 50+ members and budgets of up to $20 million.  Involved in many pre project planning activities while deriving project scope, risks, dependencies and finally estimating budget & timelines. Expertise includes excellent understanding of  business partners requirements, resource management, communication skills, developing project scope budget & timelines,  issues & risks management, customer relationship, cost avoidance, continuous improvements through iterative processes and conducting status meetings and customer reviews.

**PMP & Certified Scrum Master (CSM)**

**Experience**

**HTC Global Services                                                                      2000 – Present**

*PMO Responsibilities*

* Responsible and accountable for the coordinated portfolio management of multiple related projects directed toward strategic business and other organizational objectives.
* Build credibility, establish rapport, and maintain communication with stakeholders at multiple levels, including those external to the organization.
* Define and initiate projects and assign Project Managers to manage cost, schedule, and performance of component projects while working to ensure the ultimate success and acceptance of the program.
* Maintain continuous alignment of program scope with strategic business objectives and make recommendations to modify the program to enhance effectiveness toward the business result or strategic intent.
* Coach, mentor and lead personnel within a technical team environment.
* Present periodic Dashboard reports on the current program, future opportunities and client issues.
* Introduce and define processes suitable to client defined project management methodology which can bring quality and discipline in overall project management

*Project Manager Responsibilities*

Brought on board to look after an Insurance client in Bloomington in terms of time bound implementations of strategic and development projects under multiple programs. Project value ranged from $2-$10 million and core team sizes ranging 25 – 60 per project.

* Manage multiple in-house and customer oriented projects through the complete Project Life Cycle using waterfall or agile based methodologies.
* Follow complete software development lifecycle in managing application development projects.
* Initiate & orchestrate pre project planning for defining scope, risk, issues and estimating budget.
* Work with project teams and business partners to facilitate and ensure thorough understanding of project scope, business requirements and expectations.
* Manage any agile projects from inception to closing , manage daily Scrum, sprint planning & backlogs.
* Identify resources required for project and manage those resources from overall project success perspective.
* Develop detailed work plans, schedules, project estimates, resource plans, budgets, and status reports to effectively manage the project.
* Manage all scope changes, issues & risk resolutions with required documentations, change controls, communication and mitigation plans in order to implement projects within time and budget.
* Manage any inter project dependencies and cross program dependencies by identifying their impacts on time, cost and resources.
* Communicate effectively with functional peer groups, higher management and stakeholders by gaining cooperation; conduct status reports/meetings and presentations of technical information concerning specific projects and schedules.
* Manage the integration of vendor tasks; track and review vendor deliverables in line with SLAs.
* Ensure required knowledge transfer to project team and business partners in the form of training, newsletters, keynotes.
* Technical/analytical guidance to project teams with help of subject matter experts.
* Provided accurate and timely accounting of company assets and projected time lines as dictated by agreed to commitments for the project to Manager on an on-going basis.
* Report based on performance and trend analysis for all financial results surrounding the project.

*Project Experience:*

* Multiple projects in P&C , health insurance claims, mutual funds and annuity integration with insurance claims, client and lenders inquiry , technology infrastructure, process management, data migration from DB2 to Oracle while rewriting VB to J2EE application and data warehousing, B2B registration & third party associate registration process. . Technical areas involved were mainframe, Unix, Windows, J2EE Websphere, Visual Basic, and domain client server.
* Project management reporting functionalities using Cognos tool and Informatica for ETL data extraction from multiple databases. Project involved mainframe and Unix as main platforms.
* Primavera Project Management Implementation companywide with multiple servers and workstations.
* Unix server upgrades - multiple server and workstation upgrades from NT to Unix. This included servers located in different states and connected with various networking routers.
* Remote capture for banking solution – Strategic and implementation project to implement remote payment, account inquiry system
* Financial Datamart integration with Accounts Payable and Travel & Expense System – Implemented a datamart using Informatica for ETL and which involved multiple servers across various statewide locations and workstations connected in WAN using routers and load balancing technology. Subsequent integration with Accounts Payable and T & E application with Cognos reporting tool.
* ERP PeopleSoft HR – implemented a human resource application with employee compensation and benefits including retirement benefits, bonus, profit sharing, 401K, medical benefits, annual ERP workflow, Payroll processing, and integrated with the legacy system in data conversion.
* ERP PeopleSoft Financial Upgrade ver. 8.0 - included implementation of PeopleSoft upgrade from current ver. 7.0 to 8.0. Integration with Back-end processes on DB2 database. Involved in implementing all high, low level allocations and sweep processes involved in financial applications on multiple servers and workstations connected with routers and load balancing switches.

**Unisys (Almoayed Data Group)                                                                                               1994 – 2000**

*Project Manager*

* Managed multiple in-house and customer oriented projects through complete project lifecycles
* Led projects through requirements, design, development, validation and implementation phases.
* Managed complex system or network implementation with significant cost and revenue exposure to the company.
* Made high level independent decisions and provide direction with little supervisor oversight or guidance.
* Developed detailed work plans, work schedules, project estimates, resource plans, budgets, and status reports to effectively manage the project.
* Communicated effectively with functional peer groups, management and/or outside customers by gaining cooperation of others; conduct status reports/meetings and presentations of technical information concerning specific projects/schedules.
* Managed the integration of vendor tasks; tracked and reviewed vendor deliverables.
* Conducted project meetings to ensure timely deliverables for the project.
* Provided technical/analytical guidance to project team, internal departments and clients.
* Planned and directed work schedules, as well as project budgets.
* Conducted accurate and timely accounting of company assets and projected time lines as dictated by agreed to commitments for the project to the Manager on an on-going basis.
* Managed and reported on all financial results surrounding the project.
* Managed and participated in customer proposal efforts as required.

**1984 – 1994**

*Project Leader, System Analyst & Programmer*

* Worked in Oil, Chemical and consulting companies and involved in leading and implementing multiple projects under different operating systems and platforms.
* Completed most complex projects starting from break-even project cost status until the project was brought to a profitable stage during implementation.
* Worked on the complete SDLC while implementing Financial, Material Resource Planning, Billing, Asset Management and Mutual fund systems.
* Extensively involved in design, analysis, coding and implementation of in-house integrated accounting and inventory system.
* Coded the data entry modules using programming languages such as COBOL, C, C++ and databases like Oracle, Sybase, and Unify.

**Education**

            Bachelors in Science

**Certification**

Project Management Professional (PMP)

Certified Scrum Master

Professional Training on Primavera TeamPlay Project Management Application

Professional training on AS/400,WIN NT,UNIX,'C', Oracle & Sybase

Diploma in COBOL programming and System Analysis

**Technical Competencies**

Applications & Tools: Peoplesoft Financials , Data Warehousing, Informatica

ERP Banking application, BI tools, Cognos,

Project Management Tools : Primavera, MS-Project, ABT Work Bench, Planview

Methodologies & techniques : Signature, Agile Scrum, Waterfall, Test driven development, extreme programming

Development Tools, O.S and languages: J2EE, ASP.NET, HTML, XML, Visual Basic, C++, Java, JavaScript, C, C++, SQL, COBOL, MS COBOL, UNIX, CICS,Windows/NT/XP

Databases: DB2,Oracle, Sybase, MS Access, MS SQL Server