Dhrun Lauwers

Young team lead with a diverse background and hands-on experience building and deploying technology solutions for large enterprises.

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EDUCATION

Schulich School of Business, York University Master of Management in Artificial Intelligence SEP 2020 - CURRENT (expected SEP 2021)

DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)

SEP 2004 - MAY 2009

SKILLS

Business Analysis Analyze problems Formulate solutions Clear communication **Project Management** Agile delivery Remote teams Scrum, Kanban

Programming Python (PySpark) SQL Linux Shell

Big Data Platforms Hadoop HDFS Google Cloud Microsoft Azure

Financial Analysis Portfolio management Time-series forecasting Foreign exchange hedging

EXPERIENCE

Data Science Instructor

Eskwelabs

Manila, Philippines

MAY 2020 - AUG 2020

• Preparing students for a career in data science through engaging live lectures and curated exercises completed individually and in teams

Manager, Intelligent Automation

Canadian Tire

Toronto, Canada

MAR 2018 - MAY 2020

- Leading project team tasked with implementing automated solutions leveraging ML and RPA
- Successfully deployed solution for allocating and replenishing inventory, leading to a decline in lost sales of ~1%/\$10M.

Automation Engineer

Toronto, Canada

JUL 2017 - MAR 2018

- Successfully automated more than 20 existing processes in departments including finance, HR, supply chain and merchandising, generating cost savings of approximately \$15M.
- Trained and mentored more than a dozen employees in various departments to automate their own work using RPA

Senior PMO Analyst

Canadian Tire

Toronto, Canada

JUL 2016 - JUL 2017

- Developed automated management reports to assist in budgeting for technology projects across the enterprise. Following implementation, IT project spend fell within 1% of budget.
- Developed an appetite for project-based work by observing best practices for managing/delivering enterprise projects.

PMO Analyst

Canadian Tire

Toronto, Canada

• Developed and analyzed performance management reports and dashboards to assist Senior IT VPs in assessing the quality of relationships with the business, the effectiveness of project delivery and the efficiency of operations.

NOV 2013 - NOV 2014

- Prepared annual budget, monthly/quarterly forecasts and build models to assist with analysis and reporting.
- Monitored results vs. budget/forecast, provided analysis of the variances while identifying risks and opportunities.

Senior Treasury Analyst

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Waterloo, Canada

JUL 2012 - NOV 2013

- Managed and invested existing cash balances to produce maximum return while remaining within risk tolerance.
- Relieved operating entities of excess cash for use in M&A activity.
- Mitigated material foreign exchange risks through the execution of spot and forward contracts.

Treasury Analyst

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JUL 2011 - JUL 2012

- Forecasted expected cash flows globally, and maintained minimum balance thresholds for all operating entities to facilitate cash management and investment activity.
- Conducted analysis of global cash balances, foreign exchange exposures and outstanding hedge contracts for CFO and audit
- Improved visibility of cash flows by developing and implementing a direct method statement of global cash flows.

Senior Accountant

JUL 2010 - JUL 2011

- Recorded all accounting entries related to FX hedging activities in accordance with FAS 133 guidance on derivatives.
- Maintained list of outstanding intercompany loans, and minimized withholding tax impact by ensuring timely payment of interest.

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MAY 2009 - JULY 2010

Junior Accountant

• Improved accuracy of general ledger total cash balance by implementing an automated global cash reconciliation process, which led to an employee recognition award from management.