

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 Canadian Tire 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 NOV 2014 - JUL 2016
• 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.

Financial Analyst 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 OpenText 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 OpenText Waterloo, Canada 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 committee.
• Improved visibility of cash flows by developing and implementing a direct method statement of global cash flows.

Senior Accountant OpenText Waterloo, Canada 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.

Junior Accountant OpenText Waterloo, Canada MAY 2009 - JULY 2010
• 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.