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ABOUT ME

I am full stack web developer with a strong commercial background as a chartered accountant. I have a love for using technology to automate and solve everyday tasks and problems. I am looking for a role that will challenge me and enable me to learn every day and where I can see that the input I'm giving is making an impact on users. I want to be part of a team that's proud of their work.

Please read more about my journey in to tech:

https://skills.org.nz/about/latest-news/general/reigniting-passion-in-the-work-place-with-tech/

EXPERIENCE

Enspiral Dev Academy, Auckland — Web Development Student

JUNE 2018 - OCTOBER 2018

Enspiral is a full immersion style bootcamp apprenticeship, where you learn to become a full stack web developer over 18 weeks. The course teaches full stack web development using a range of technologies, but there is a lot of emphasis on human skills in the workplace.

We were working closely in teams, doing daily pair programming, researching and presenting technical topics, learning about and putting into practice agile ways of working.

Spark Digital, Auckland — Senior Business Performance Analyst - Cloud and Security Portfolio

NOVEMBER 2017 - JULY 2018

- Partnered with the business to ensure the appropriate targets were set, performing bottom up planning and key assumptions for management by building custom models and spreadsheets.
- Management of the P&L and balance sheet for my portfolio, ensuring revenue recognition was appropriate, preparing management reporting including analysis of trends, explaining issues and variances to plan and driving the portfolio managers to meet targets.
- Forging strong stakeholder relationships with the portfolio

WORKING STACK

HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Node.js, Express, React.js, Redux and Redux Thunk, Knex and SQLite3, Webpack, Jest and Test Driven Development, Enzyme, APIs, Deployment, VS Code, Python.

SKILLS

Quick to learn – working in various fast paced contract roles in the UK contributed to my ability to learn in at pace and be proactive about my learning.

Strong project management skills

 led various projects throughout my career and more recently EDA projects.

Excellent communication skills – written and verbal, to a diverse audience including peers, clients and senior management.

Ability to relay technical concepts to non technical people in a clear and concise manner.

Strong commercial background with solid experience in working in collaborative teams.

- teams, the wider Spark finance team, group finance, and delivery teams in other parts of the business.
- Having a deep understanding of the strategic goals and performance of the business.

Career Break — Travelling

MAY 2017 - OCTOBER 2017

Travelled through the U.K., Eastern Europe, Russia to China by train and Southeast Asia.

Time Inc. UK, London — PMO Finance Analyst/Senior Management Accountant

DECEMBER 2015 - APRIL 2017

- End of Month Reporting including expense reporting
- Assisting on highly sensitive projects in supporting senior stakeholders within the change requirements of the business.
- Tracking projects on a timely basis and generate project reporting, and review risks and issues that could impact delivery and either resolve or escalate as appropriate.
- Taking ownership of a portfolio of several cost centres and completing the month end process adhering to tight deadlines including accruals, prepayments and analysing variances against budget and presenting results to the business.
- Managing the budget/forecast process by monitoring and tracking the data inputs by the team and analysing prior year trends.
- Understanding the business requirements in order to prepare monthly board pack.
- Providing training and support for graduates and new analysts within the team.

Royal Bank of Canada, London — Financial Control Analyst – Investor Services and Treasury Finance (rolling contract)

JANUARY 2015 - NOVEMBER 2015

- Leading the review of the substantiation of balance sheet accounts and making the necessary changes.
- Liaising with key stakeholders throughout the bank to obtain evidence and workings for key accounts.
- Assisting with the month end close including preparation and posting of journals.
- Working closely with business partners on key management reports.
- Extensive knowledge of the business in order to assess monthly variances of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss in order to present to management.

EDUCATION

Chartered Accountants Australia and NZ, Auckland — Full member

2013

Otago University, Dunedin — Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Accounting

2006 - 2009

PROJECTS

Buy My Kai

Buy My Kai is a web app that connects people through the food we grow in our backyard. It was the final group project I worked on at EDA in a team of five. We completed a prototype and presented at Graduation. We are looking to continue with the project and hope to deploy very soon.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch was a project completed at EDA as part of PackHac 2018. PackHac was a hackathon set up for ideas for web apps within the Pacific Island Community in Auckland (who are currently under represented). Lunch Bunch is a way of getting kids excited about healthy school lunches and taking the stress away from busy parents.

Punt Club

This is a personal project I have been working on. The idea stems from a club I have with some friends where we go on an annual holiday using joint funds. I was

Lloyds Banking Group, London — Financial Control Analyst – Wealth Finance (3 month contract)

SEPTEMBER 2014 - DECEMBER 2014

- Leading a major project to ensure all balance sheet reconciliations meet internal and external standards.
- Substantiating balance sheet accounts.
- Liaising with key stakeholders throughout the bank to obtain evidence and workings for key accounts.
- Assisting with the month end close.
- Working closely with business partners on key management reports.
- Assisting with the monthly performance pack.

Hilton Worldwide, London — Intercompany Manager – Financial Accountant (3 month contract)

JUNE 2014 - AUGUST 2014 (3 MONTH CONTRACT)

- Preparation of reconciliations for FX of treasury and non treasury loans.
- Preparation of reconciliations for internal fees between entities.
- SOX testing of treasury loans.

Bank of New Zealand (BNZ), Auckland — Finance Analyst

SEPTEMBER 2013 - MAY 2014

- Preparation of management reports to the wider finance team.
- Preparation of monthly reconciliations to substantiate key and non-key balance sheet items.
- Preparation of a daily asset and liability report sent to the wider bank to highlight key areas of risk.
- Ensuring the monthly Profit and Loss is accurately reported to the wider bank.
- Providing analysis of the monthly financials to the wider bank.
- Providing data extracts and reports to the wider bank on an ad-hoc basis.

Moore Stephens Markhams, Auckland — Accountant – Business Advisory Services

FEBRUARY 2011 - SEPTEMBER 2013

- Preparation of annual and periodic financial statements for companies, trusts and partnerships.
- Preparation of monthly reporting and overseeing the day to day accounting and administration affairs for NZ subsidiaries of overseas companies.

managing a spreadsheet to track the club's standings and wanted something to work on that would allow me to translate my excel skills onto the web and help me practice React/Redux and APIs.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Recently taken up Golf and working on improving my handicap.

Keen runner, completed one half marathon and looking to complete another one soon.

Frequent concert goer.

Love to travel!

REFEREES

Referees will be supplied on request.

- Preparation of annual tax returns for companies, trusts, partnerships and individuals.
- Preparation of cash flow and budget forecasts.
- Liaising with financial providers on behalf of clients during the application process.
- Assistance with implementation of accounting software for clients including ongoing assistance and maintenance
- Involved in implementation team to convert firm system from MYOB AO to APS.
- Assisted clients with audits by the IRD.

Michael Prasad Group Limited, Auckland — Accountant – Business Advisory Services

May 2010 - FEBRUARY 2011

- Preparation of annual and periodic financial statements for companies and individuals.
- Prepared income tax returns for companies and individuals.
- Managed client correspondence with Inland Revenue Department.