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Professional Summary

- Experienced professional in Financial Planning & Analysis roles within large and fast-paced corporations. Release-planning specialist trained in BI development, data analysis, and large experience in financial reporting. Recently graduated in Data Analytics for Business Postgraduate diploma at St. Clair College (ON, Canada) to complement my background.
- An analytical and driven person with a natural passion for learning new data tools and processes. Experienced in data analysis, data visualization and KPI/metrics visualization, with knowledge in Python, R, SQL, Tableau, Power BI, and large experience in QlikView and Qlik Sense. Aside from that, knowledge of Oracle Hyperion Planning, HFM and SmartView tools for advanced reporting and pulling data.
- I am an enthusiastic business partner and passionate about the highest quality of work and positive environments. Creative solutions architect with real-time problem-solving flexibility. Proven ability to learn quickly and adapt to new situations.

Work Experience

Rivera Building Maintenance Inc. (Windsor, Ontario)

Feb 2022- Present

Maintenance Team Member

- Part-Time team member.

Self-Employer | (Santiago, Chile)

Apr 2021- Dec 2021

Senior Financial Analyst and BI consultant

- Responded to specific BI requests from financial team personnel, creating data packets with requested information in easily understandable formats. Prepare operational reports from Hyperion Planning.
- Documenting complex processes, system integrations, and data mapping to ensure a clear guideline for internal users in daily operations.
- Maintain and configure the BI server. Update BI financial dashboards (QlikView and Power BI)

Laureate Education Inc (Santiago, Chile)

Nov 2009 – Mar 2021

FP&A Reporting Manager

- Coordinate and lead activities related to the validation, mapping, cleansing, and conversion of financial data (P&L, Cash Flow, CAPEX, Enrollment) from local systems to Oracle Hyperion.
- Internal process documentation of reporting systems (Oracle Hyperion and Peoplesoft), and support internal users partners for continuous operation.
- Preparing IT Monthly Management Report Presentation for CIO regional director, explaining variances, monthly impact expenses and IT CapEx breakdown for all regional IT projects.
- Responsible for testing regional data and developing a Bulk Reporting Procedure into the Hyperion Essbase, reducing the process from 6 hours to 40 minutes.

Senior Financial & Data Analyst

- Preparation of Monthly Financial packages & Quarterly Business Review (QBR), to be reviewed by the senior management. Including Executive Summary, Business KPI, and Educational Ratios.
- Understanding the P&L and providing monthly commentaries on variances, investigate reallocation or missing values from all regional entities.
- Participation in Excellence in Process project (EiP), in the elaboration of regional dashboards as part of the corporate strategy to increase operating efficiencies and continue standardization of processes.
- In charge of all intercompany transactions between regional office institutions and all Laureate entities worldwide.

BI Developer (QlikView) | Data Analyst

- Providing to the FP&A teams ongoing training in Oracle Hyperion Planning, PeopleSoft, and QlikView models.
- Responsible for daily enrollment report to Executive Management.
- Develop Business Intelligence (BI) solutions for Finance, Marketing, Sales, and Legal Departments.

DTS Chile (Santiago, Chile)

Apr 2003 – Nov 2009

Process and Quality Analyst

- Analyzed process flows and identified areas of improvement to increase productivity and reduce costs.
- Gathered existing old documentation and created updated process according to the best company asserts.

Education

Data Analytics for Business – Diploma St Clair College, Windsor, Ontario (Canada)	May 2023
MBA, Master Business Administration UEM (Spain) – UNAB (Chile)	Jan 2021
Bachelor's degree in business administration Universidad Andres Bello (Chile)	Jul 2013
Computer Sciences and Management Control Engineer Universidad Diego Portales (Chile)	Dec 2004

Awards & Recognition

Laureate Education Inc. (Baltimore, USA) Global Recognition Collaboration Award Global recognition conferred among all network financial teams. This Award was given for my contributions and share all my findings with my colleagues and other regional teams.	Dec 2006
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Seminaries – Courses

- **Power BI Data Modeling with DAX** | LinkedIn, 2023
- **Budgeting with Machine Learning in Python** | DataCamp, 2023
- **QlikView Developer I & II.** | Qlikview Chile, 2016
- **Hyperion Financial Planning & HFM training** | Laureate Education, 2010

Languages: Spanish Native.

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References: available upon request.

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