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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/2025 - present

Regional Category Manager Purchasing DACH NTG, ContiTrade Austria (BestDrive), Vienna, Austria

- Accompanying the roll out of new Purchasing System Jaegger for Non Tradable Goods.
- Process management and digitalization of local purchasing department.
- Supplier meeting, maintenance and negotiations.

10/2023 - 12/2024

Controlling Analyst, ContiTrade Austria (BestDrive), Vienna, Austria

- Development and automation of local finance and controlling reporting using Power BI dashboards to enhance data visualization and reporting efficiency.
- Steering and support of cross-functional projects, including the integration of data lake and Databricks back-end solutions to modernize the data warehouse.
- Support in the budget phases and year-end closing processes.
- Project Lead for a Branch Early Warning System: A cross-functional project integrating audit, operations, finance, and IT to develop a tool for branches and managers.

09/2021 - 09/2023

Financial Analyst Data Warehouse, ContiTrade, Hanover, Germany

- Development and automation of finance and controlling processes in the data warehouse (DWH). Including adaptations in the ERP systems and automation of reporting procedures.
- Implementation and improvement of reports and reporting tools with a focus on MS Power Platform.
- Steering and support of cross-functional projects (operational process changes and software implementations).
- Central ContiTrade DWH reporting, including periodical reporting of business-, financial and market KPI's and ad-hoc reporting for central EMEA management.

09/2018 - 08/2021

Integrated Bachelor Program, Continental AG, Hanover, Germany

- Practical phases from two to three months from latest to oldest:
 - *ContiTrade Finance & Controlling*: Bachelor's thesis; Takeover of new position as Financial Analyst DWH
 - *Value Management Vehicle Networking & Information*: Portfolio mgmt, quote evaluation KPIs, SaaS analysis
 - *CBS Manufacturing Tires*: Worldwide implementation Remote Expert technology for department, process automation, remote Lean Management methods
 - *Purchasing Analytics*: Creation e-learning, process automation, reporting standards, quotation analyses
 - *Division Controlling ContiTech*: budget phase, allocation calculation, process automation, corrections in SAP
 - *Product Management PLT EMEA*: Competitor analyses, product portfolio strategy and cleaning

EDUCATION

10/2023 — present

M.Sc. in Digital Economy, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien, Vienna, Austria

- The program integrates digital technologies with strategic management, including subjects such as Data Management and Analytics, IT Governance, Marketing and Innovation, and Transformative Management.
- Current grade: 1.3
- Master's thesis: Comparative Analysis of Municipal Digital Presence: Insights for Austria from Greece & Finland

09/2019 - 08/2021

B.A. Business Administration, Leibniz Fachhochschule, Hanover, Germany

- Graduation grade: 1,6
- Bachelor thesis: Implementation of Self-Service Business Intelligence at the Case Example Continental AG

08/2016 - 06/2018

A-levels (dt. Abitur), Bismarckschule, Hanover, Germany

- Graduation grade: 1,4

08/2015 - 06/2016

Exchange Year, Central Montcalm High School, Stanton MI, USA

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

12/2020 - 08/2023

Vocational Training Sponsor, Ausbildungspaten Hannover, Hanover, Germany

Mentored three students through their vocational training, including assistance with applications and professional development.

11/2018 - 10/2020

Representation in Youth Labor Union, Continental AG, Hanover, Germany

Advocated for trainees, organized events, and supported applications for a standardized master's program.

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- **MS Power Platform (Power BI, Power Automate, Power Apps):** Developed 15-20 sophisticated dashboards using Power BI, serving up to 500 active users. Gained practical experience with Power Automate by creating workflows for tasks such as report distribution, vacation requests or other approval flows. Familiar with Power Apps, having designed and built two basic apps as part of my learning process.
- **MS Office:** Extensive experience using MS Office tools, particularly Excel and PowerPoint, for project management, data analysis and ad-hoc reporting.
- **BEx Analyzer, Analysis for MS Excel, VBA (Makros):** Utilized BEx Analyzer for SAP reporting, combining it with VBA macros to automate data extraction and analysis processes.
- **SQL:** Developed complex SQL P/L queries to extract data from ContiTrades DWH. I have been working with SQL daily for over three years.
- **SAP:** Conducted financial analysis and reporting using SAP and responded to inquiries from external auditors regarding the annual financial statements.
- **Business Process Model and Notation (BPMN):** Acquired expertise in BPMN during university studies and applied this knowledge in a professional setting to model and improve business processes.
- Additionally, I worked with **Knime** at Continental. And gained experience with **Python** and **R** and mark up languages at university.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages	German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (basics)
Personal Interests	Sport (football, skiing, and more), reading, cooking

PUBLICATIONS

- On the Security and Privacy Implications of Large Language Models: In-Depth Threat Analysis