MATT WILLISON

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Technical Program Manager | Customer Success Leader | Lean Six Sigma Green Belt

Ten years delivering enterprise SaaS programs across HCM, FinTech, and PropTech. Proven track record in Agile transformation, cross-functional leadership, and complex API/ERP integrations. PMP candidate with deep expertise in scaling operations, aligning stakeholders, and enhancing customer experience. Known for a player-coach mindset and a holistic approach that connects technical delivery to customer success—ensuring programs launch smoothly and scale effectively.

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Enterprise Saas Delivery
Customer Success Strategy
API/ERP/SSO Integrations
Workflow Design & Automation

Cross-Functional Leadership
Full-Stack Application Development
SQL Optimization
Portfolio & Risk Governance

System Architecture & Security Agile & Waterfall Methodologies HCM System Compliance KPI Outcome Reporting

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Standardized global Customer Success frameworks—health scoring, risk protocols, and QBR/EBR cadences—driving consistent engagement and improved retention across enterprise accounts
- Spearheaded Agile delivery modernization that improved speed-to-value by 40% and reduced SaaS release defects by 50% in high-compliance environments
- Managed strategic enterprise portfolios across FinTech and HCM sectors, achieving 95% historical retention and enabling scalable upsell and expansion strategies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Project Manager - IT Solutions

Equity Residential | Denver, CO

Aug 2022 – Present

- Owned project portfolio management, governance, resource allocation, risk and change management, and executive reporting across a SaaS-enabled REIT portfolio of 250+ properties; delivering measurable improvements in data accuracy and customer experience
- Cut implementation time by 40% by optimizing SQL and facilitating system integrations with crossfunctional technical teams
- Managed onboarding and integration of external vendors (TransUnion, DocuSign, FICO) managing API integrations, SSO configuration, and security reviews
- Improved ERP workflows and automation for procurement and finance contributing to increased resident retention and a 30% reduction in internal issue reporting

Director of Customer Success

Oct 2021 - Aug 2022

Ugual | Denver, CO

- Led global rollout of standardized CS operational frameworks—including health scoring, QBR/EBR cadences, and risk protocols—driving consistent engagement practices and improved retention across regional teams
- Spearheaded cross-functional alignment across Product, Engineering, and CS to ensure release readiness and customer-facing enablement—bridging roadmap delivery with evolving customer needs
- Served as executive sponsor for strategic enterprise accounts, driving QBR programs and KPI frameworks that enabled field teams, influenced roadmap alignment, and supported expansion and upsell strategy

Principal Project Manager - Release Management

Aug 2017 - Oct 2021

Paycom | Oklahoma City, OK

- Directed large-scale release transformation across enterprise teams, cutting SaaS defects by 50% in high-compliance HCM environments
- Owned and delivered key mobile app modernization initiatives that supported Paycom's S&P 500 inclusion in 2020
- Established client feedback loops with Product & Engineering driving 3 major roadmap shifts and increasing feature adoption by enterprise customers
- Led Agile cross-functional teams through full-cycle delivery backlog grooming, sprint planning,
 QA, release management, and post-release optimization

Enterprise Solutions Consultant

Mar 2017 – Aug 2017

Paycom | Oklahoma City, OK

- Partnered with C-suite stakeholders at 30+ enterprise accounts exceeding \$25M in ARR to define OKRs, operational cadence, and success metrics — reducing average time-to-value from 60 to 21 days
- Implemented ROI scorecards and value assessments that became central to renewal strategy, improving renewal rates by 25%
- Championed post-sales delivery with strategic business goals by navigating complex stakeholder ecosystems and driving cross-functional collaboration

Paycom Service Team Lead

Aug 2016 – Mar 2017

Paycom | Oklahoma City, OK

- Built and scaled Customer Success team from 0 to 10 members, supporting 500+ enterprise clients exceeding \$40M in ARR accountability
- Developed scalable hiring frameworks, onboarding programs, and career progression pathways to support team growth and retention
- Drove onboarding improvements and cross-team collaboration, reducing new customer churn by 15%

Paycom Specialist

Jun 2015 - Aug 2016

Paycom | Oklahoma City, OK

- Served as SME for 130+ enterprise clients across 28 SaaS HCM product offerings exceeding \$10M in ARR accountability
- Partnered with Product and Support to streamline client feedback loops—reducing resolution times for high-impact issues and informing roadmap priorities that improved satisfaction and retention across enterprise accounts
- Designed co-sell expansion campaigns with Sales, increasing average customer retention by 10%