


# Nitika Walia

## Product Owner

Experienced Senior Business Analyst / Safe Certified Agile Product Owner, offering 12 plus years of expertise in managing software product releases using both traditional waterfall SDLC and agile frameworks. Proven excellence in business analysis, product development, release planning and change management across domains including Capital Market, Investment Banking, and Insurance.

## CONTACT

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 Charlotte, NC

## SKILLS

SAFe Certified Product Owner(POPM),

Agile Mindset, Methodologies, & Frameworks

Self-Motivated

Problem Solving

Technical expertise

Non-functional requirements

## Awards

All Star Award for PI (01/2022 & 01/2011)

TIAA Release Champion Award in 2015 & 2014

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Product Owner

**Cognizant Technology Solutions,TIAA - CREF, Charlotte, NC** 2013-Present

- Primary liaison between executive leadership, stakeholders and an 8-person Scrum team
- Created and maintained solution vision, roadmap, and backlog of work through project's life cycle.
- Translated features into user stories within team's backlog while managing, ranking, and prioritizing this backlog to reflect stakeholder's requirements.
- Owned and prioritized product backlog.
- Managed implementation of new features by outlining plans and specifications such as how, where and when each component would work.
- Focused on building critical features up front to identify constraints and technical challenges.
- Coordinated with software developers to create custom applications and trackers to achieve client goals.
- Created test scripts, established 'Acceptance Criteria' and Quality Assurance (QA) policies and procedures to maximize product quality and user adoption.
- Coordinated Scrum rituals such as Sprint Planning, Backlog Grooming, Story-Sizing, Sprint Retrospectives & Reviews and Daily Stand-ups.
- Wrote SQL queries to generate reports for senior management's reporting requirements.

### Business Analyst

**United Overseas Bank, Singapore** 2011-2012

- Organized and conducted team meetings, communicated User Requirement Specifications (URS), Functional Design Specifications (FDS) and business requirements to various stakeholder groups.
- Collaborated with stakeholders, and IT infrastructure teams to ensure application availability and assisted with the day-to-day administration of the applications interfaces.

### Functional Tester Cum Business Analyst

2009-2011

**Cognizant Technology Solutions,Pune, India**

- Understand and analyze functional testing requirements to prepare functional test plan and test design Analyze functional test results and work with respective developers to resolve bugs.
- Test any defect fixes and perform regression- Execute regression test suite and analyze results before every release
- Reported results and project progress to multiple levels of management and stakeholders.

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor of Technology – Information Technology

2004-2008

**YMCA Institute of Engineering, Faridabad ,India**