VAYUNANDAN VULUGUNDAM (B.Tech(CSE), MBA & SixSigma[GB])

Techno-Managerial Business Leader with 25+ years of vast experience in IT/ITeS/KPO; 14+ years in WIPRO Strategy/Presales/PMO/P&L, Global/Service Delivery/Program/Operations/Project/Transition/Change/People/Quality Mgmt Digital, Analytics, Web portals, Healthcare, Telecom/Mobile/Wireless/Embedded, Infra, Manufacturing, Retail, F&A/MIS, Govt Tech. Stack: Microsoft, Java/J2EE, Open Source/Unix/Linux/C/C++, OOAD, SoA, SaaS, Cloud, SEO; CM/PM/Automation Tools

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Career Objective:

Seeking suitable role in an organization that encourages Win-Win environment, providing challenging opportunities to demonstrate my technical, leadership and managerial skills coupled with vast experience and knowledge.

Summary of Educational Qualifications & Professional Experience:

Degree / Discipline	Duration	Score	University / Institute
MBA (HR & MKTG)	2003-05	79% (with distinction)	Sikkim Manipal University of Health, Medical & Technological Sciences (Part-Time Couse)
B.Tech. (CSE)	1989-93	82% (with distinction),	Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) /
		Secured College 2 nd rank	College of Engineering, Kakinada (AP)
Intermediate (MPC)	1987-89	82% (with distinction),	Board of Intermediate, AP /
		Secured Town 1 st rank	A.M.A.L. College, Anakapalle (AP)
SSC (X Class)	1986-87	86% (with groups 96%),	Board of Secondary Education, AP /
		Secured Town 2 nd rank	A.M.A.A. High School, Anakapalle (AP)

Key Domains & Technologies worked on

- Digital: 9+ yrs | Data Analytics: 5+ yrs
- Web-portals/Content/Development, SEO: 15+ yrs
- Healthcare(Payer/Provider, Device Integration):12+ yrs
- Telecom/Mobile/Wireless/Embedded (incl. OSS/BSS, Switching, Networking, 3G, Handsets, V&V): 9+ yrs
- Infrastructure: 5+ yrs | F&A/MIS/EDP: 5+ yrs
- Manufacturing/E&U/Retail/Corporate: 5+ yrs
- Government: 4 yrs | Travel/Hospitality: 3 yrs
- .NET/C#, Microsoft Tech Stack & Platforms: 18+ yrs
- Java/J2EE, Open Source, Unix/Linux, C/C++: 15+ yrs
- Solution Delivery & ADM SaaS, Product/App Design, Architecture, Development & Maintenance, Workflow, Dataflow, Automation, Cloud, Agile, DevOps, CI/CD, TDD, BDD, Reviews, Release, Deployment, Productivity Improvement, JIRA, Dev/Test/CM/PM tools: 16+ yrs
- TaaS TMMi, Various types of Testing (TDD/BDD, GUI, Functional, API, System, Integration, Regression, Stress/ Performance/Load, Interoperability, Scalability, Field, Acceptance, Compatibility, Security, Conformance etc.), Test Automation, Tools & Frameworks: 18+ yrs
- Process & Quality Consulting including SixSigma, Lean, ISO, CMMi, Process Re(verse)-Engineering, Risk, RCA, BCP, Info. Security Compliance, Metrics/ CTQs/ SLAs/ KPIs, CSAT/ESAT, V&V, overall QA: 20+ yrs.
- Led SixSigma projects, internal & external IT audits and participated in CMMi assessments as well.

Strategic Leadership & Business Transformation

- Strategy, Client Relationship (CXO level) and Biz-Dev,
 Outcome-based Value Propositions & Negotiations,
 Presales, RFPs, Proposals, SOW, Scoping & Estimations,
 T&M/ FPP/ Hybrid, CTQ, SLAs, Metrics, Risk Assessment,
 Mitigation & Contingency, PMO, SWOT Analysis: 18+ yrs.
- P&L Consistently handled multi-million USD Accounts/ Programs/Operations with successful track record & Q-on-Q/ Y-on-Y revenue growth targets, ROI, CapEx, OpEx, EBITDA etc.
- Worked as Consultant at various client locations in US, UK
 Europe, and was instrumental in generating leads.
- Well experienced working in MNCs (tier-1), Start-ups and Matrix-organizations - with Thought Leadership, Strategic Planning and Execution to achieve measurable outcomes.
- Digital Transformation, Global/Solution/Service Delivery, Transition/ Outsourcing engagements/ Program/Portfolio/ Account/ Project/Operations (end-2-end)/ KPO/ Demand Generation & Forecasting/ Capacity Building/ Support/ Resource/People/HR/ Training/Competency/ Org. Change/ Overall Quality & Compliance Management: 18+ yrs.
- Team Management Peak team size handled: 400+ (including 6 DMs, 2 Architects & 1 SQAM – direct reports) Led geographically distributed teams of different sizes, and contributed towards Recruitment, Mentoring, Motivating, G&Os/Appraisals, Career planning & Leadership development.
- Crisis Management Excellent probing, analytical, troubleshooting and problem-solving skills with keen eye for finer details yet not losing focus on the big picture.

A few KPIs with citations:

- Meticulous Planning and precise Execution coupled with Commitment & Persistence Well experienced in driving mission critical, time-to-market projects & SLA-driven projects - To cite an example, I have led a very crucial project (for a major mobile hand-set equipment manufacturer in Europe) at client location with stringent deadlines and completed it on-time; received 5/5 CSAT rating from the client for the quality work done.
- Excellent Communication Skills (verbal, written & presentation) along with key focus on client relationship and outcomes; wide-exposure to clientele from different geographies. To cite an example, I front-ended the team at client's site and won a huge outsourcing/KPO engagement for Wipro, amidst of stiff competition from other IT giants. The engagement (outsourced by a Scandinavian telecom equipment manufacturer) included development & maintenance, testing & test-automation work for a huge set of software, hardware & firmware. The work involved Telecom & IT Infrastructure transition and setup dealt with multi-geographical client teams, gathered necessary details, drove distributed-Wipro/project-teams (at offshore & onsite), vendors & suppliers and successfully setup the infrastructure at Hyderabad this included commissioning, parallel runs & final acceptance. Apart from that, I played a pivotal role in setting-up wireless test-lab with state-of-the-art facilities along with good ROI planning (done as part of Testing-Services (InterOps) group's CoE initiative at Wipro Hyderabad)
- Specialist in handling outsourcing as well as onsite-offshore model projects. Authored & contributed write-up on "Outsourcing Process Model" to the organisation's artefact's repository in Wipro.
- Strong Business Acumen With good networking skills built long-term relationships with clients strategically, and was instrumental in business & account development.
- Received Awards like "Feather In My Cap", "Best Support Award The Wall", etc. in Wipro Technologies.

Work Experience at a glance:

NewPage Solutions, TechEra IT Consulting & other Start-ups at Hyderabad [Aug-2016 till date]

- As DH with NewPage Solutions (Notitia Technology Solutions Pvt Ltd) from Apr-2020 till Aug-2020.
- As VP (Delivery & Operations) with TechEra IT Consulting from Sep-2018 till Aug-2019.
- Apart from the above, working as Strategic IT Advisor & Consultant to Start-ups, Mid-level IT Consulting Companies and Organizations - providing:
 - o Value-based Services, Digital Transformation, Innovative & Scalable solutions, IT Portfolio & Program Consulting.
 - Work-flow modelling for the Outsourced/ Project/ Delivery/ Operations; DevOps, CI/CD, Design, Development, SI, Maintenance of apps/products on different platforms; TDD/BDD, Testing, Test-Automation frameworks & SQA.
 Worked for clients like L&T Technology Services, and US-based Healthcare clients like Pfizer and others.
 - o Overall Quality management, continuous improvement, certification related initiatives etc.
 - Lead identification and Strategic support. HR, Recruitment, RPO & Staffing related services too.

Zen3 Infosolutions (India) Limited, Hyderabad [Mar-2015 till Aug-2016] (A part of Teletext (India) Ltd.)

- Worked as **Delivery Head IT Services**. The role responsibilities include:
 - Business Development & Client Engagement Pre-sales, Responding to client-RFPs, Collaboration with sales & marketing teams, Driving CoE, PoCs, Client meetings, dashboard presentations, negotiations; Staffing & staff augmentation services. The key client-base included Microsoft, Facebook and a few others.
 - o Delivery Operations & QA of IT Services delivered to various clients, including Microsoft & Facebook:
 - IT Services Web & Mobile App development and Testing, Verification & Validation
 - Content Solutions Digital, SEO, Content & Editorial Services, Data Curation/Moderation/ Categorization/Localization/Translation, Labelling, Mapping (Google/GIS) & Data Analytics
 - SLAs & Metrics tracking, Review/approve project plans, milestones, schedules, deliverables etc.
 - The work involved offsite office setup/facility for Microsoft with required infrastructure, audits & approvals
 - P&L Operations Targets/Revenue/CapEx/OpExp/EBITDA; Stake-holder & vendor management, Risk assessment
 & mitigation Planning, Bottom-line management (cost-control & improving margins)
 - o Team/People Management Managing geographically distributed team of 200+ (SDETs/STEs) through Program/

- Project Managers, related Mentoring/Training, G&Os, Appraisals, MSI (bell-curve) etc.
- Process Engineering & Organization Quality Productivity improvement initiatives, driving strategic approach towards ISO/ CMMi certifications, preparing Quality Frameworks, Work-flow automation, streamlining the processes for better operational efficiencies and effectiveness.
- o Implemented innovative ideas like factory-based rotation model for staffing & churning the resources across the projects (cross-skilling), there by achieving good ROI.

Dhanush Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad [Aug-2014 till Mar-2015]

- Worked as **Head** (Healthcare vertical) The role responsibilities include:
 - Client Engagement & Business Development Pre-sales, Responding to client-RFPs, Collaboration with sales & marketing teams, Driving CoE, Proof-of-Concepts, Client presentations & negotiations. The client-base included from African countries like South Africa, Ghana, Kenya etc., apart from some other major clients from India.
 - Delivery & QA Design, architecture reviews, development, maintenance, testing & QA of application/ product portfolio (on cloud, Agile-based) on Tele-Medicine, HMS, EMR, EHR, Integration of medical devices, Meaningful Use, etc. using latest .NET technologies, Java technologies, Cloud, SaaS concepts. Stake-holder & vendor mgmt, risk assessment & tracking, SLAs, Metrics, RCAs, Dashboards, etc.
 - Team/People Management Driving development & testing teams with PMs, need-based recruitment, mentoring PMs/Leads, organizing training programs, G&Os, appraisals, etc.

Versante Software Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad [May-2012 to Aug-2014]*

- This is a start-up company in IT at Hyderabad by Versante Technologies Inc., a US-based Company offering products & services to US Healthcare clients. Worked as Director/Head; responsibilities include:
 - Client Engagement & Business Development Strategic Planning, SOW, Status review meetings, SLA tracking, escalation handling, Pre-sales, responding to RFPs/RFQs/RFIs, Risk assessment, Mitigation, Scoping, Estimations, Client communications, presentations & negotiations. The clientele included ZirMed, Midmark, WelchAllyn, Duke MindLinc etc.
 - Offshore P&L Operations Targets/Revenue/CapEx/OpExp/EBITDA, IT admin., Stake-holder & vendor mgmt.,
 Bottom-line management (cost-control & improving margins)
 - Solution Delivery & QA Design, work-flow data-flow, architecture reviews, development, maintenance, testing & QA of products and applications on cloud thru Agile using latest .NET technologies, Delphi, JIRA, Payer, Provider, Clearing House (like Emdeon), AR/Billing, EDI (270/271, 837-I/P, 835), Payment-Gateways and related testing, EMR, EHR, Medical devices integration thru APIs and related testing, ICD-9 to 10 Crosswalk, Meaningful Use, etc.
 - HR/Team/People management (internal) HR policy development & execution, talent acquisition & retention, coaching, mentoring & driving Developers/SDETs/STEs/Leads, HR/recruiter, training, performance management, setting G&Os, appraisals, payroll, performance-based incentives, etc.
 - Domain & Technology initiatives Driving Proof-of-Concepts, development of reusable components in the Healthcare domain using latest technologies & architectures.
 - Process Engineering Productivity improvement initiatives, organization process definition/focus, defining & setting metrics, related progress tracking/monitoring at various levels, quantitative process management, conducting look-ahead meetings, change management, defect prevention, steps for continuous improvement, RCAs, initiatives for sustaining/up-bringing CSAT, ESAT.
 - o Staffing services (external) US Staffing services, and also staff augmentations for domestic clients
- * It includes working for USM Software Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, which was acquired by Versante Technologies in Sep-2013.

WIPRO Technologies, Hyderabad [Sep-1997 to Oct-2011]

- 14+ years in Wipro Technologies driving different kinds of project activities, playing various roles including Heading multiple Accounts, Business Development, Pre-sales, P&L/ Global Delivery/ Program/ Portfolio/ Operations/ Quality/ People/ Competency Mgmt. & Enterprise Consulting [Wipro Band D1 designation]
- Rich experience in handling 'Outsourcing'/KPO as well as 'onsite—offshore' model-based projects, and also in driving Test, Test-Automation & QA as well as ADM (Application Development & Maintenance) type of projects in the domains like HealthCare, Telecom, Wireless, MIS, Manufacturing, Energy & Utilities etc.

- Latest role responsibilities (2006 to 2011) include heading the Microsoft Technologies Practice @ Hyd:
 - Global/Solution Delivery Operations Upto \$10M USD programs consistently; strategic & thought leadership, networking skills coupled with business acumen, large end-to-end program engagements, stakeholder management involving huge/distributed teams, and supplier & vendor management.
 - Business Development, Client Engagement, Pre-sales & PMO Active contributions towards pre-sales, scoping, estimations, proposals-preparation/ RFPs/RFIs, drive BDMs/sales teams, client-mapping, lead-generation & account-growth initiatives (thru Stop-Lighting practice), PMO activities, resource-planning & utilization. Quick team ramp-ups for various projects that have grown into multi-million USD accounts.
 - Team/People Management (SDETs/STEs) Well experienced in people management: Led geographically distributed teams of different sizes spanning upto few hundreds (peak 400+) and contributed towards mentoring, motivating, competency building, training, career planning, leadership development. Keen in driving program/project managers, Resource planning, Utilization, Billing and also processes like G&Os, Appraisals, ESAT, Bell-Curve & MSI with key focus on organizational targets. Instrumental in recruitment (hiring), grooming, and ramping-up teams for various projects. Rich experience of working in matrix organizations and also in driving horizontals/ practices.
 - Process Engineering & Quality Management responsibilities include CSAT (Client Satisfaction), SLAs, metrics
 tracking & status reporting to the management (monthly/quarterly/half-yearly & yearly), conducting process
 audits etc., Client's specific SLAs' tracking & reporting it through various forums (like V-Cons/T-cons/f-2-f
 meetings) including escalation handling.
 - Innovation & New Technology Initiatives Driving CoE initiatives, Proof-of-Concepts, development of web-portals & content (e-learning) and reusable components using latest technologies & architectures (incl. SOA, SaaS, Cloud) thru innovative concepts like CompAct, KAP and VTPs thru virtual teams.
 - Organization Level Initiatives Contributing towards enterprise-level strategic planning, Business development initiatives, Risk Identification & Mitigation Planning, Process improvement initiatives (Year-on-Year), conducting SWOT analysis and inward-outward analysis w.r.t. existing clients (i.e. identifying opportunities for additional business from the organization's perspective, and opportunities for cost savings, improving operational efficiencies from the clients' perspective)
- Previous roles and responsibilities (1997 to 2006) in WIPRO
 - Roles Played different roles including Onsite Consultant, SQA, Project Manager, Program Manager, Delivery Manager, Technical Manager and Head (drove huge engagements end-to-end, with necessary infra setup)
 - Domains & Clients Telecom & Wireless (Ericsson AB, SonyEricsson, Nokia, various 2-tier/3-tier clients),
 Healthcare (Tufts, APL, AML), Manufacturing (Boeing), Testing Services, etc.
 - Role responsibilities Delivery/ Account/ Program/ Project/ Quality Management, Team management, planning & execution, design (HLD, LLD), architecture, workflow, dataflow, development, maintenance, testing, test automation, reviews, QA, V&V, defect analysis, defect prevention, release management, productivity improvement; Client Engagement, Business Growth, Presales, Proposal Preparation, responding to RFPs/RFIs, Resource Planning, Staffing, Utilization, Training, G&Os and Appraisals, etc.

Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam (A Govt. of India Undertaking) [Oct-1993 to Aug-1997]

- Worked at Hindustan Shipyard Limited as Engineer in the Data Processing Dept. (MIS) for ~ 4 years.
- Got selected for this job through campus interview during my B.Tech. final year in 1993.
- Nature of work included design, development & maintenance of different applications and programs for Payroll, F&A, HR/ Personnel, PPCD, Quality, hull design etc. Contributed towards coding, reviews, testing, execution & deployment; and MIS reports for the top management.
- Played a key role in the mammoth task of migration/porting of Apps & DBs from Prime S-3250 to HP3000

Key Domains, Practices, Technologies, Platforms & Architectures worked on (in detail):

SQA & Process Automation Practice – Well versed with different SDLC models (Waterfall, Agile (Scrum/ Kanban), TDD, BDD, DevOps, V, 2I, Service, Maintenance, Prototype, Hybrid etc.), SixSigma (DMADV/DMAIC) Green Belt, Lean, Kaizen, FMEA, TQM, SEI CMM/CMMi/pCMM, ISO-9001, TL-9000, Process Re-engineering/Reverse Engineering, Information Security/Compliance; Reviews, Risk Assessment, SOW-Delivery gap analysis, RCA, Change mgmt., Qualitative & Quantitative process mgmt., QoS, CTQ, SLA/KPI/Metrics, BCP, iCAT, Quality/Configuration audits, Defect Prevention,

Look-ahead meetings, Best Practices & Lessons learnt, Ishikawa (fishbone) diagrams, Optimization techniques, Process improvement initiatives, steps towards improving CSAT/ESAT etc., Led SixSigma projects and contributed towards CMMi assessments too.

- Testing & Test Automation Practice (TaaS) TMMi, TDD/BDD, Test planning, Test-case design & dev., Execution and Reporting; Traceability Matrix, Testing-Tools, Frameworks, Techniques & Methods; Test automation & Test-lab setup. Various types of testing including: Functional, GUI/UX, API, System, Integration, Performance/Stress/Load, Regression, Security, Scalability, Compatibility, Interoperability, Protocol/Conformance, Compliance, Reliability, Field, Acceptance (UAT), Mutation, Accessibility, Configuration, Content & Data Migration, Mobile, Smoke, Sanity, Usability, Localization, Globalization, Unit, Black Box, Concurrency, N/W, Component, Board, H/W, Firmware testing, Verification & Validation
- Digital, Data Analytics & Web portals Digital Transformations, Strategic Planning & Execution, Digital Asset Management, Data Analytics, Content, Media Solutions, Media on Cloud, Content & Editorial Services like Data Curation, Moderation, Categorization, Localization, Translation, Labelling & Mapping (GIS), SEO, SaaS etc.
- Healthcare Tele-Medicine, EMR, EHR, Payer/Provider, CH, AR/Billing, CMS-1500, UB-04, EDI (270/271, 837-I/P, 835) parsers, SaMD, Medical devices integration thru APIs & related testing, ERA, HIPAA, HL-7, Meaningful-use, ICD-9 to 10 Crosswalk etc.
- Telecom/Mobile/Wireless/Embedded GSM, GPRS, UMTS, EDGE, 3G, TDMA, CDMA, MMS, SMS, Email, WAP, DRM, SyncML, mobile Handsets, OSS/BSS, ATM, Frame Relay, switching, Networking, Erlang, SNMP, AT Commands etc.
- Microsoft Technologies .NET2.0/2.5/3.0/3.5/4.0, C#, WCF, WPF, WDF, WF, Powershell, Silverlight, SharePoint, Web-Services, Azure, Vista, Windows Device-Drivers, C/C++, MS SQL, SSRS, etc.
- Platforms/Servers Sun Fire R280 Server, Sun Enterprise E250 Server and Sun Ultra 10 WorkStations with Solaris 8, HP3000 with MPE/iX, Prime S-3250 with PRIMOS, HP-9000 E-45 Client/Server with HP-UX, RTOS.
- Architectures Cloud, AWS, Azure, DevOps, CI/CD, TDD/BDD, OOAD, SOA, J2EE, SaaS, ADM; Application/Product
 Design, development & maintenance using 2-tier, n-tier & distributed, Re-engineering, Reverse engineering etc.
- Languages, Front-end & DB C/C++, Java, MF-COBOL, Prime-COBOL, COBOL-85, Pascal, FORTRAN & Assembler languages, Sybase EAServer, PowerBuilder, Delphi, PowerJ, PowerDesigner 8.0, Sybase ASE, t-SQL, Sybase OpenServer, Sybase OpenClient, VB 6.0, EJB, JSP, Telerik, Janus, Crystal Reports, etc.
- CM Tools and miscellaneous JIRA, Bugzilla, Fogbugz, Rational ClearCase, CVS, SVN, MS Visio, HTML, XML, Perl/Tk, QT, RedHat Linux, Unix Shell Scripts, ghostscript, Hardware racks, Boards, BOM, etc.

Co-Curricular Activities, Merit Certificates & Scholarships Received:

- Recipient of Merit Scholarships, such as National Merit Scholarship, *Telugu Vignana Parithoshakam* (sponsored by the State Govt. of AP) and various other scholarships for the excellence shown in academics
- A Technical Paper submitted on my B.Tech. academic project work, "PDL Extraction from Source Code using Program Dependence Analysis", was published in the CSI-SRC'1993
- Got merit certificate in Mathematics Olympiad; Was a student member of Scouts & Guides, IEEE and CSI
- Secured 241 rank in AP-EAMCET held during 1989 and opted for B.Tech (CSE) in JNTU
- Secured various certifications and awards in Wipro Technologies
- Going-on long drives; writing poems, anecdotes, stories etc., are not only my hobbies but also my major stress-busters

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Countries visited : USA (multiple times on B1 Visa as well as on H1B), UK, Sweden (multiple times)

Age & Marital Status : 48 years; married & have wife and two children

Motto: "Development is the art of systematic construction with a bent of mind for intrinsic quality - whereas,

Testing is the art of methodical destruction with a constructive mind-set!"
