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Solution Architect, Product Owner & Principal Business Analyst with an extensive career of over 16 years and an impeccable track record of managing Operations, Business Analysis & Change Management- Payments, Cash, Liquidity Management & Finance Change with reputed organisations.

Industry Preference: Banking Operations

PROFILE SUMMARY

- Six Sigma Belt Certified professional functioning as Product Owner & Principal Business Analyst – Payments, Cash & Liquidity Management & Finance Change.
- Architect of In-house applications for Swift payments (ISO15022 & ISO20022) alongside bespoke format for Cards and other Payment Service Providers like Paytrail, iDeal, AiiA, WorldPay, Swift, Finastra.
- Sound knowledge of payment schemes such as SWIFT, SEPA, CHAPS, CHIPS and Domestic payments). Contributed in centralising payments flow of different countries like -Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, UK, France & Switzerland) into in-house Payments System.
- Architect of in-house Cash and Liquidity Management tool to ensure compliance with Treasury and Risk Management rules
- Expertise in carrying out end to end Cash and Payments Operations activities including Inward, Outward, Investigations, Reconciliations and AML filtering.
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- Ensuring alignment of business capabilities to Epics, flouting epics into features, supporting product owners in defining user stories with clear acceptance criteria along with assistance in defining “Definitions of Done”
- Proficient in establishing and nurturing strong rapport with key stakeholders for business excellence; providing leadership, direction, strategy and vision for facilitating growth & business agility.
- Set expectations with the team on an ongoing basis; prepare monthly training plan, conducting daily huddles, One-0-One, team meetings & appraisal management.
- Ensuring seamless & on-time delivery in lines with the client SLA.
- Planning for effective resource utilization by analysing business trends & establishing volume forecasting.
- Excellent relationship building & interpersonal skills, problem solving organizational abilities, possess a flexible & detail oriented attitude.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Solution Designs, POC (Proof of Concept), BRD (Business Requirement Document), FSD (Functional Solution Document), SDLC (Software Development Lifecycle), Process Gap Analysis & Improvement, FPA (Functional Point Analysis), Team Management & Leadership Compliance Management, Cross-functional Collaboration Stakeholder Management, MS Office, VBA (Macro Writing), Visio, SQL, Confluence, Jira, Gliffy, Advent Geneva, Swift, Cash & Liquidity Monitor.

EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Apr'22 till date with Natwest Group as Solution Architect – Payments, Finance Change & Migrations

Key Responsibilities:

- Managing solutioning & architecture of Payments & Finance.
- Working on Multi format messages for Nov'22 Swift upgrade.
- T2 – T2S project.
- Travel Buddy Project to enable domestic like payments in multi currencies.
- Managing US Ledger Transformation project to migrate the data and architecture from US location to Global (UK location).
- Enhancements to processes like Netting within different entities.

Apr 2020 to Apr'22 with Saxo Group India Pvt. Ltd. as Product Owner & Principal Business Analyst – Payments, Cash & Liquidity Management

Key Responsibilities:

- Managed Payments, Cash & Liquidity Management Tech & Ops as Product Owner & Principal Business Analyst.
- Worked on developing and managing Payments In-house application by creating Business & Functional requirements.
- Responsible for Testing, UAT & handling hyper-care to ensure smooth roll-out of features.
- Handled bugs, incidents, and enhancement requests.
- Handled vendor relations with third parties like – Swift, Finastra, Bankers Almanac, AiiA, WorldPay, Paytrail, iDeal etc.
- Transitioned Binck Bank Payments applications with Saxo Bank global payments application.
- Managed yearly Swift, SEPA and domestic clearing upgrades.
- Transitioning ISO upgrade from ISO15022 to ISO20022 (MT messages to MX messages).
- Handled new products like Tax Wrappers for Denmark, France, Netherland, Finland & United Kingdom.
- Handled Payments for multiple regions like – SEPA, UK, APAC, CEE, France.
- Managed relations with National Banks, European Central Banks.
- Developed & maintained in-house application for Cash & Liquidity Management.
- Adherence to the SLAs productivity, turn-around-time, and accuracy by creating Power BI reports.
- Ensuring employee connect- coaching and mentoring of direct and indirect reportees.
- Created a strong culture of Risk and control with the team and the business.

Dec 2018 to Mar 2020 with Saxo Bank A/S as Product Owner - Payment Services & Middle Office

Key Responsibilities:

- Trade Corrections, Equity and Bond Settlements, Cash & Liquidity Management, Payments, Supporting Trading desk and Operations.
- Setting up new Process and Procedures, Stakeholder Management. Handling Audits.
- Managed implementation of new features by outlining plans and specifications such as how, where and when each component would work

Feb 2011 to Nov 2018 with Saxo Group India Pvt. Ltd as Head of Ops & Change Management – Post Trade Area

Key Responsibilities:

- Head of Ops & Change Management for Post Trade Area.
- Represented Operations for processes like - FX Operations, Payments, Cash and Liquidity Management, Settlements, Stock Transfers, Corporate Actions & Reconciliation.
- Stakeholder Management, Link between IT, Operations and Business Development.
- Responsible for setting up procedures related to all new products by Business development. Ensuring high STP processes (97% for Payments, 96% for Settlements).

Feb 2010 to Feb 2011 with Cognizant Technology Solutions as Process Specialist – Prime Brokerage & Account Management

Key Responsibilities:

- Prime Brokerage and Account Management function.
- Managing client trade positions, trade bookings, instrument set ups, reporting files, payments and end of day uploads.

Mar 2008 to Feb 2010 with HSBC HDPI as Portfolio Administrator, Fund of Funds

Key Responsibilities:

- Portfolio Administrator in Fund of Funds Process.
- Trade Verification, Estimate or Final Pricing, Extended Market Value calculation, Bank Reconciliation, Custody Booking, NAV pack creation.

Aug 2006 to Mar 2008 with Mukhija X-Ray Lab as Accountant

Key Responsibilities:

- Accounts handling of Lab and doctors and employees.
- Maintaining Inventory and other lab affairs.

ACADEMIC DETAILS

2005-06 - 2008-06 - PGDBA: Finance & Marketing from Symbiosis Centre For Distance Learning

2005-06 - 2007-06 - Masters in Commerce from CCS University

2002-06 - 2005-06 - Bachelors in Commerce from CCS University

Certifications

- Certifications: Lean Six Sigma Black Belt from Henry Harvin
- NCFM - Currency Derivatives
- CPBA – Business Analysis Certification – Pursuing

PERSONAL DETAILS

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