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Employment History

IT Product Owner

cargo-partner

September 2021 - now

Role Description:

- Providing input, suggestions and support to Agile Transformation process
- Introducing best practice examples (e.g. Design Sprint, User Story mapping,...)
- Defining products with User Stories
- Help business in backlog prioritization
- Coordination of Business partner(s)
- Leading communication with Dev-Team and Business
- Planning and communicate deployments
- Knowing the users, use and business cases

Proxy Product Owner

Siemens Healthcare, s.r.o, Digital Services, Bratislava

March 2018 – October 2021

Role Description:

- **Leading agile team** – leading agile team in Kanban, Scrum and Lean agile context, user defining agile processes (definition of work item types, state-flow, DoD, DoR,...), leading scrum ceremonies, user story mapping
- **Product feature identification and implementation** – discussing product feature proposals and their business value, organizing and leading rapid prototyping (The Design Sprint), end user interviews, designing and presenting proofs of feature concepts, identifying MVP (and MMP) definition
- **Roadmap and resources planning** – preparing and planning product roadmap based on estimations and team capacity
- **Requirement engineering** - analyzing and documenting new product feature requests and slicing them to epics, features and user stories. Creating user story maps for products, writing user stories, acceptance criteria and business-driven development scenarios (in Gherkin language). Defining and clarifying of UI, UX and discussing technical implementation with software architects and development team.
- **Managing the product backlog** – Making sure that there is enough frontloading for the backlog, is correctly prioritized, well understood by the whole team, transparent and reflecting reality.

- **Participation on release process** – preparing team release kick-offs, supporting the team during software release, with testing, release documentation creation and solving problems during release process.
- **Rapid prototyping** – creating mocups/wireframes and testing it on real end users
- **Reporting** – Definition of KPIs, regular reporting to line management and steering boards.

Projects:

- **Acceptance and test tool** – Simple, efficient and standardized execution and documentation of normative tests performed by manufacturer, supplier and customer based on legal requirements on X-ray emitting imaging devices.
- **DataBox** – Project for [German cancer patient registry](#) aimed on providing patients a storage system for their medical data to share with medical professionals.
- **teamply Marketplace** – Digital offerings marketplace for the Siemens Digital Ecosystem – <https://marketplace.teamply.siemens.com/>
- **Summer development academy 2020** – The [academy](#) aimed to provide students a real agile experience with developing software (machine learning) for a business partner.

Business Analyst

Erste Group IT International, Digital Banking Portals, Vienna/Bratislava

April 2016 – March 2018

Role Description:

- Close contact with clients, understanding their needs, priorities and creating good relations.
- Analyzing, processing client requests and translating them to a form, which is comprehensible for the development team.
- Responsibility for successfully closing of all client requests in time and in proper quality.
- Analyzing the cost effectiveness of the solutions and their technical realization.
- Responsibility for creating correct estimates, solve budget issues and having correct project metrics.
- Support with planning and leading product releases.
- Making sure that all technical documentation is up-to-date and correct.
- Delivering correct financial data for operational and project expenses.
- Operating help-desk – solve client issues and questions

Projects: Developing GEM a content management system used by banks and financial institutions in the Erste group (slsp.sk, bcr.ro, erstebank.hu, erste.at...).

Program Manager

IBM, Digital Engagement Services, Bratislava

June 2014 – April 2016

Role Description:

- Creating a global self-sustainable, unique innovation program through effective organization process.
- Preparing budget, resources, metrics and project plan.
- Making the team work well together globally.
- Designing, organizing and planning meetings with management boards

Business Development Lead

Role Description:

- Finding new opportunities for business deals on a global scale
- Finding business answers for client needs
- Understanding client needs and communicating out solutions via our offerings
- Support client till contract signing

Web Production Lead

IBM, Global Web Production Services Center, Bratislava

2011 – 2014

Role Description:

- Processing and translating business goals and online strategy into the appropriate web experience.
- Clarifying out requests with DEV team, budget control and reporting.



Education

PhD for Doctor of Advanced Theological Studies

2014 – Interrupted - Universität Wien, Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät

Master of Hussite Theology with first-class honors

2011 - 2013 - Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Hussite theology

Bachelor of Evangelical Theology with first-class honors

2007 - 2010 - Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Department of Evangelical Theology

School Leaving Examination, level A with first-class honors

2003 - 2007 - Chemical High School, IT and chemistry, Bratislava

Certificates & Recognitions

Certificates:

- Professional Scrum Product Owner™ – Scrum.org (2021)
- Certified Professional for Requirements Engineering Advanced Level (2021)
- Certified Professional for Requirements Engineering Foundation Level (2019)



Recognitions:

- Implementation of innovative agile methods (2020)
- Recognition and reward for exceptional performance during ISO 9001:2015 external audit (2020)
- Recognition for successful leading the Siemens Knowledge Base summer development academy (2020)

Language Skills

Slovak – native language fluency, **Hungarian** – native language, **English** – fluent,
German – passive

IT Skills

PM/Agile tools: Jira, Confluence, Azure DevOps, Power BI

Prototyping: Justinmind, Figma, MS Power Apps

UML: MS Visio, Draw IO

CMS: Adobe Experience Manager, Joomla

Coding: HTML, CSS, SQL, Python

Office: MS Office, Libre Office, Lotus Symphony

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