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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Certified Business Analyst (CAPM®, CSPO®) with 3+ years of experience in agile project management, financial planning and analysis, and optimizing cross-functional project workflows. Proficient in designing data-driven reports and interactive visualizations using Power BI, Tableau, SQL, and Python to enhance decision-making and operational efficiency.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Financial Analyst, University of Texas at Austin

Apr 2024 – Mar 2025

- **Developed financial models** to enhance expense **forecasting accuracy by 27%**, supporting strategic decisions for over \$5M in annual funding and ensuring more precise budget allocations.
- **Built Power BI dashboards powered by SQL** for real-time budget tracking, enabling five departments to access instant financial insights, **reducing budget review time by 50%**, and enhancing executive decision-making.
- Identified \$127K in misallocated funds using **variance, ratio, and trend analyses**, streamlining budget allocations and **enhancing financial reporting accuracy** across five business units.
- Automated financial request processing in **Smartsheet and FileMaker Pro**, removing six manual steps and **cutting resolution time in half from 48 to 24 hours**, enabling the team to process 50 more monthly requests.
- **Revamped reconciliation workflows with MS Excel macros**, cutting processing time per cycle **from 5 to 3 hours**, resolving 15+ discrepancies monthly, and increasing invoice throughput.

Assistant Project Manager, University of Texas at Austin

Mar 2024 – May 2024

- Enforced six data management policies aligned with National Science Foundation standards, **reducing compliance violations**.
- Leveraged **Jira to monitor and manage project timelines** and tasks, ensuring seamless collaboration among cross-functional teams and reducing project delays by 25%, improving research efficiency.
- Redesigned storage frameworks in collaboration with department heads, securing compliance for \$3.2M in research grants and **reducing manual reconciliation efforts**.

Application Development Analyst, Accenture

Jul 2021 – Jul 2023

- Collaborated with Agile teams to **gather business requirements, perform sprint planning and backlog grooming**, conduct sprint reviews, and create 40% of the total test case scenarios.
- Authored and **refined user stories in Azure DevOps**, defining clear acceptance criteria and **ensuring 90% first-pass approval** of user stories with minimal revisions.
- Orchestrated end-to-end testing efforts by **executing 200+ functional and regression tests** in SAP Solution Manager, ensuring 100% coverage of key functionalities and minimizing defect leakage to production.
- **Designed Power BI dashboards** to provide real-time project insights, **saving 4 hours of manual reporting per week**, improving stakeholder visibility, and enabling faster decisions.
- **Integrated Python scripts in Azure** to automate testing workflows, **eliminating 40 hours of manual effort** per release cycle.

SKILLS

- **Technical Skills:** Agile and Scrum methodologies, Business Requirements Analysis, SDLC, SQL, Python, FP&A, SAP ABAP.
- **Tools:** MS Excel, Jira, Smartsheet, Asana, Confluence, Tableau, MS Project, Power BI, Visio, Azure DevOps, @Risk.
- **Certifications:** Certified Associate in Project Management - **CAPM®**, Certified Scrum Product Owner - **CSPO®**, Google Project Management: Professional Certificate, Six Sigma: Green Belt by Project Management Institute **PMI®** and **IIBA®**.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin – Cockrell School of Engineering

Dec 2024

Master of Science in Engineering Management

GPA: 3.63/4

Savitribai Phule Pune University

May 2021

Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunications

GPA: 8.18/10