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Personal profile

Senior IT manager with 6+ years of managing digital products/projects, Prince2/Scrum master certification and in-depth technical experience with software development. I'm hard working, reliable and consider myself an effective problem-solver with proven leadership skills and passion for delivery. My biggest strength is the ability to manage software development teams and always deliver on time/budget. Finalist of the Czech Project Manager of the Year 2015.

Latest work experience

Moneta Money Bank

Product Owner / IT manager (1/2018-ongoing)

I was the head of full-stack agile development squad with a primary responsibility of end-to-end delivery of Deposit team backlog: vision, design, development and implementation of scalable fully online onboarding channels for new customers and launching new digital products (current account, savings account etc.). In this role I was able to truly utilise my strong technical background and UX expertise to deliver the most commercially successful fully online bank product (savings account Spořito), which grew the bank's total deposit balance by 21,5% and customer acquisition by 320%. This fully digital product later won 2nd prize in Financial product of the year award by FinParada.cz.

Among my key priorities were ensuring frequent releases of new product features, software functionalities, budget ownership, team staffing/hiring, backlog/roadmap management and implementing continuous CICD automation (regression tests, automated testing, ad-hoc environments etc.). I was also periodically reporting to the Board of directors.

Alongside my scrum master, we oversaw the team's performance and secured their cross-functionality, managed expectations of key stakeholders, ensured smooth operations and built relationships with external groups (vendors, bodyshopping agencies, solution providers etc.).

Overall, we worked in an ever-changing turbulent environment (both technologically and operationally) on solving extremely complex but highly rewarding challenges – and I loved every second of it.

O2 Czech Republic
Senior Project manager (1/2017-12/2017)
During my 1-year contract, I delivered two large projects with a significant impact in customer experience, mobile network performance management and cooperative transportation systems. The size of my teams exceeded 30+ people and total CAPEX reached 230+ mil CZK ($10+ mil USD).

WebNaut
IT project manager (8/2015-1/2017)
Coordinating several parallel e-commerce projects for the agency's clients. Responsible for technical analysis, pricing offer, defining business objectives and delivering a solution.

GS1 New Zealand
IT project manager (10/2014-6/2015)
Leading a multi-national team to redesign a large corporate website for an international company. The project had challenging circumstances (many stakeholders with conflicting interests, limited budget and strict time deadline). I negotiated for the work to be outsourced and hired a development team from overseas. This resulted in a more competitive offer and lowered the final project costs by 66%.

Key skills

Project/product management:
- Effective leadership of a software development team
- Management of project/product delivery within required quality, deadline and scope
- Experience running DevOps to ensure high software quality and continuous value delivery
- Holder of Prince2 project management and Agile scrum master certification
- Communication with top management on high-level strategy
- Coordination with vendors and suppliers (e.g. managing RFP process)
- Experience with pricing/quoting of software development contracts

Technical skills:
- Highly experienced ex- front-end developer (HTML5, CSS3 and Javascript)
- Working knowledge of API data integrations (WSO2), IT architecture, complex banking back-end systems and various support applications (OCR, Atlassian/Jira, MS Sharepoint etc.)
- Experience with GIT, release management, automated test tools and open-source systems
- Basic understanding of mobile network technologies (BTS, RAN, PS/CS network)
- Portfolio of my websites available on request (large corporate portals, tailored careers page, small business websites, personal websites etc.)

References available on request