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ABOUT

Technical Product Owner and digital finance leader with 20+ years of experience driving enterprise system transformations, Agile product delivery, and data automation at scale. Proven track record owning product roadmaps, leading cross-functional UAT, and delivering tools that eliminate manual processes and unlock financial insights. Deep expertise bridging finance, technology, and operations across complex, matrixed organizations.

EXPERIENCE

VERIZON | Basking Ridge, NJ

Sr. Manager – Business Transformation Finance | November 2024 – Present

- **Developed Google Apps Script automation** to eliminate 2 days of manually repeated monthly tasks, freeing team capacity for higher-value financial analysis
- Built automated workflows leveraging **Knime, Google Workspace, Gemini AI, and GCP** with direct SQL-based data querying to eliminate manual extraction and streamline the monthly close cycle
- Developed Other Charges & Credits guardrail business case **identifying $10M+ in potential savings**, enabling proactive financial controls and executive-level decision support
- Conduct comprehensive variance analysis to surface financial risks and opportunities, translating complex data into actionable insights for senior leadership
- **Develop and deliver executive-level presentations** translating complex financial analyses and business cases into clear, compelling narratives for senior leadership decision-making
- **Designed AI-powered Kanban board using Gemini Pro** to track initiative progress across the full transformation lifecycle — managing priority, assignments, and Agile workflows for cross-functional stakeholders

Manager/Senior Manager – Corporate FP&A | December 2022 – November 2024

- **Served as Agile Product Owner** for DCAT and capital planning platforms, owning the product roadmap, backlog prioritization, and release planning across Corporate Capital Team and business partners
- **Delivered 40+ DCAT enhancements** via Capital Scrum Board, doubling implementation throughput and improving delivery speed by 100% through structured Agile sprint planning and stakeholder coordination
- **Developed Qlik Capital Budget Workflow** serving 50+ users across 4 teams — enabling weekly budget migrations vs. monthly, resolving PI2 audit finding, and reducing approval friction during critical month-end close periods
- **Advanced MEC timeline from WD12 to WD10 using Knime** via direct GCP integration and BigQuery to eliminate manual data extraction; expanded automation models and dashboards across Knime, Qlik, and Exoinsight
- **Developed Qlik Capital Hierarchy Workflow/HCVT** ensuring structured change management and stakeholder alignment across digital enablement rollout; led training and onboarding of Capital Corp Team, Business Units & FPAS partners
- **Served as Hierarchy Change Control Manager** within Oracle Data Relationship Management (DRM), governing enterprise metadata and capital hierarchy change requests to ensure data integrity across EPM planning systems, supporting month-end close and the annual enterprise budget cycle
- **Maintained and optimized BSO and ASO cube architectures** within Oracle EPM, supporting multi-dimensional capital financial models used during month-end close, monthly forecasting, and annual budgeting processes
- **Administered Oracle EPM Planning and Smart View** to facilitate enterprise capital financial planning, budgeting, and forecasting; supported data validation, ad-hoc analysis, and Excel-integrated reporting across business units

SKILLS

PRODUCT & AGILE DELIVERY
Agile Product Owner | Product Roadmap | Backlog Prioritization | Release Planning | Scrum | SDLC | JIRA | HP ALM | QTEST | Stakeholder Management | Data Governance

DIGITAL FINANCE & ANALYTICS
Oracle EPM Planning | Oracle Smart View | BSO/ASO Cube Administration | Oracle DRM | Hierarchy Change Control | QLIK | Tableau | Knime | Alteryx | Essbase | Gemini Pro | Generative AI | Google Workspace | Google Apps Script | GCP | BigQuery | SQL

FINANCIAL PLANNING & SYSTEMS
Oracle DCAT | Oracle Hyperion Planning | Anaplan | FP&A | Business Case Development | Cost Optimization | KPI Development | Financial Modeling

MICROSOFT SUITE
Word | Excel | PowerPoint | Access

HONORS & AWARDS

Metrics Reporting Award | QLIK Capital Hierarchy Workflow Application Project Nomination | Shadow to Grow Participant | Leading Rating Consecutive Years | Oracle Hyperion Planning Launch Nomination

EDUCATION

Rutgers Business School
M.B.A. | Finance | May 2008

New Jersey Institute of Technology
B.S. | Management & Information Systems | August 2002

CERTIFICATIONS

PMP Candidate (Expected 2026)
Google AI Essentials Certificate (2026)

CLIFTONSTRENGTHS

Achiever | Analytical | Arranger | Communication | Consistency | Focus | Includer | Positivity | Self-Assurance | Woo

INTERESTS

Traveling | Tennis | Football | Investing | Self-Improvement

Manager – FP&A Center of Excellence (COE)/FPAS | December 2018 – December 2022

- **Established Agile UAT framework** leveraging JIRA for full-cycle user acceptance testing across Hyperion Planning and Anaplan platforms; managed requirements gathering, sprint coordination, and defect resolution
- **Developed the first-ever Qlik Planning Dashboard for FP&A COE** serving 20+ users, integrating actuals from PMR with Hyperion Planning data — saving each user 5+ hours per month during close
- **Revamped change control process** delivering full transparency and accountability across planning and reporting teams; eliminated ambiguity in system change governance through structured SDLC workflows
- Led Hyperion Planning enhancements for VZ2.0 company-wide transformation, capturing requirements and restructuring enterprise reporting from a wireless/wireline model to a Consumer and Business operating structure

Consultant – FP&A Center of Excellence (COE) | August 2017 – December 2018

- Identified and implemented business process and systems improvements for Planning & Forecasting in partnership with the Finance Systems IT Team, including support for new acquisition integrations
- Proactively resolved cross-functional conflicts while gathering business, functional, and data requirements for Hyperion Planning; delivered end-user training on newly implemented processes and systems

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD | New York, NY

Assistant Director, Financial Planning & Analysis | 2014 – 2017

- **Led team of 2** managing operating expenses and cash requirements for a $1.3B annual operating budget; coordinated Oracle database improvements with IT to enhance reporting infrastructure
- **Restructured capital program database** using Hyperion SmartView, MS Access, and Excel — improving visibility, transparency, and reporting structure, saving 8+ hours per month during close

NJ TRANSIT | Newark, NJ

Director, Capital Programming & Reconciliation | 2010 – 2014

- **Led team of 8** as member of Senior Executive Staff, overseeing 500+ projects across an $8B 5-year capital program — enabling 25% more capital spending and completion of 10 additional projects vs. prior process
- **Realigned team to assembly-line model**, increasing approval throughput by 25%; led development of technology projects to increase capital program efficiency
- Coordinated with government agencies to secure multi-source funding across technology, infrastructure, facilities, and rolling stock; analyzed competing projects using ROI prioritization strategy

Assistant Director, Capital Programming & Reconciliation | 2009 – 2010

- Managed funds administration and tracking of the full capital program; recommended grant budget revisions, NJDOT TTF transfers, and expense movements to maximize active projects

Manager, Capital Programming Systems | Capital Programs System Administrator | 2003 – 2009

- Managed and reported on $1.2B+ annual capital budget; structured and organized capital program database to provide clarity, transparency, and reporting visibility to department leadership