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SECURITY RISK ANALYST / IT PROJECT MANAGER

Security Vulnerability Identification | Gap Analysis | Security Finding Analysis | Remediation Management
Enterprise Governance | Security Policy and Standards Lifecycle | Business Process Management
Full-Cycle Project Management | Strategic Planning | Scope & Requirements Definition | Change Management

Provider of security risk-based guidance: Identify and analyze security-related vulnerabilities to understand what the impacts are to the business and how likely vulnerabilities will be exploited by attackers.

Policy and standards development and management: Understand the lifecycle of policies to keep organizational guidance and requirements up to date as they reflect needs and regulatory requirements of the business.

Buffer between client and business needs: Repeatedly bridge the gap to meet objectives of dynamic, cost-efficient, and high-impact technical projects in private and public sectors.

Director of project lifecycles from initiation to closing: Plan and monitor scope, schedule, and cost and maintain stakeholder engagement through communications and meetings.

Pilot for continuous improvement: Create systems to automate change management, increase communications efficiency, improve reporting, and identify and mitigate risk exposure.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Security: Vulnerability Identification / Risk Analysis / Findings Management / Governance & Controls

Communications: Stakeholder Engagement / Expectation Management / Negotiation / Conflict Management

Projects: Scheduling / Resource Management / Assessment & Response / Variance Analysis / Quality Assurance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

XCEL ENERGY, Denver, CO

Senior Security Analyst, 2017-Present / Security Solution Consultant, 2016-2017

Provide security-focused consultation and guidance to project teams and executive leadership.

Work with leadership to provide clarity around security-based risks associated with third-party products and services as well as internal processes.

- Conducting security risk assessments of vendor products during contract negotiations and on a regular basis.
- Working with project teams to assist them with security-focused documentation and aligning with requirements.
- Managing security findings from inception through analysis, building remediation plans and managing lifecycles.
- Help executives understand security standards and the effects of gaps with those standards.

Developed security policies and standards for the enterprise.

- Advanced the organization's security posture by updating outdated policies that apply to all workforce members.
- Created and maintained security standards to allow the company to set accurate project requirements.

Consulted with business leaders to identify business needs, building projects to meet those requirements.

- Moved ideas from sketching phases to full projects by working with business areas to understand needs.
- Completed cost-benefit analyses, resource plans, and project charters to align project teams throughout projects.
- Researched solutions to build Request for Proposal outlines, recommending a short list of vendor solutions.

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LOGRHYTHM, Boulder, CO

IT/IS Project Manager, 2014-2016

Coordinated internal customers and external vendors to find and build technology solutions to meet requirements.

Worked on smaller, infrastructure projects as well as large, interdepartmental projects, including coordination and management of vendors working externally and on site.

- Coordinated companywide efforts to design and deploy their first SharePoint Intranet for internal collaboration.
- Worked with Sales and Marketing to develop Salesforce Community portal to allow for greater channel adoption.
- Developed and managed plan for expansion into new building and move of 200 employees.

URBAN LENDING SOLUTIONS, Broomfield, CO

Project Manager, 2014

Worked with clients to manage mortgage and financial services projects for Operational Services.

Coordinated acquisition of new buildings and 400 new staff in California and Michigan, including work with employee onboarding, technology infrastructure, and alignment with current company strategy.

GLOWBALL SOLUTIONS, Westminster, CO

IT Project Manager, 2006-2014 / Senior Web Developer, 1998-2006

Consulted with vendors and negotiated contracts for IT, software development, and Web development projects. Worked with technical subject-matter experts, IT Directors and database administrators to prioritize and develop budgets.

Brought in by Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to move projects forward by introducing plans and integrating technologies to minimize downtime, reduce waste in time and resources, and demonstrate ROI.

MAXTOR CORPORATION, Longmont, CO

Senior Web Developer, 2002-2004

Standardized XML schemas to move data between applications. Worked with WebMethods to share Internet data.

EXABYTE CORPORATION, Boulder, CO

Project Manager / Senior Web Developer, 2000-2002

Served as project manager for development of Internet site using ColdFusion and Oracle.

EDUCATION, CERTIFICATIONS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Keller Graduate School of Management

Master of Project Management, 2013

University of Colorado

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Women's Studies, 1989 | Bachelor of Science, Chemistry, 1995

Project Management Professional (PMP), Project Management Institute (PMI) license 1673089 (2013)

Inductee, Sigma Beta Delta International Honor Society for Business, Management, & Administration (2013-Present)

Toastmaster of the Year (2012-2013)