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Chief Innovation Officer

29 years' success leading IT engineering innovation for high-growth organisations

Accomplished and results-driven professional with substantial experience in programme management of large-scale ICT and transformation initiatives; technology/software innovation in healthcare, logistics, automotive, insurance, energy and aerospace; data analytics and Artificial Intelligence products and services. Proven success in enterprises from global entities to start-ups, developing and implementing strategies, performance optimization, change and growth management, people operations, along with budgeting/forecasting, contract negotiation, market penetration, and revenue optimisation. Demonstrated ability to analyse and streamline systems/processes to enhance organizational efficiency. Adept at building, leading and motivating distributed multi-cultural teams determined to attain shared objectives and collective vision. Expert at nurturing professional relationships with clients and stakeholders leveraging interpersonal communication skills.

Highlights of Expertise

- Digital Strategy Planning & Execution
- Stakeholder Engagement & Management
- Cross-functional Team Leadership
- Full Life-Cycle Product Development
- Team Coaching & Staff Development
- Management of Strategic Projects/Programmes
- Technological Advancements & Innovative Solutions
- Business Transformation & Change Management
- Continuous Process Improvement
- Risk Identification & Mitigation

Career Experience

CellmatiQ GmbH, Hamburg, Germany

Direct overall activities involved in development of Artificial Intelligence products for medical diagnostics.

CEO (02/2018 to Present)

Head the establishment of an innovation company and development of certified medical AI software products. Served as lecturer and evangelist on medical AI and data-driven healthcare technologies, business strategies, and associated data governance.

- ♦ Implemented worldwide first medically certified system for fully AI-automated cephalometric x-ray analysis within 21 months and closed exclusive distribution contract.
- ♦ Led development of award-winning AI “which, in its precision, is in no way inferior to that of doctors”.
- ♦ Established a ten-person AI expert team and a contributing community of 30+ senior medical experts.

Solera Holdings Inc., Dallas/TX, USA

Manage overall IT operations relating to SaaS products, data, and services for insurers and automotive industry.

Global CIO & CTO (05/2016 to 02/2018)

Directed delivery of enterprise-wide ICT services for 60 operating companies across 80 countries executing 230M annual transactions for 180.000 B2B customers with 3.6B personal records. Led a team of over 300 professionals and an annual budget over \$100M. Implemented plans and roadmaps to ensure process harmonisation.

- ♦ Supervised data centre migration activities towards cloud-based and software-defined ICT infrastructures.
- ♦ Achieved post-merger transformation of the group’s ICT assets into one global ICT organisation.
- ♦ Devised and developed a consolidated Data Lake and analytics platform for six PB of insurance/asset data.

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Solera Holdings Inc. (then NYSE:SLH), Dallas/TX, USA

Leadership for technology and engineering of the cross-functional innovation and research group "R3PI".

CTO (R3PI) (07/2015 to 01/2017)

Managed development of enterprise-wide mobile and cognitive products leveraging various technologies, including Big Data/Analytics, Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning, AR/VR, IoT, and "Connected Home". Led operations of the expert team distributed across Dallas (Ideation), London (Production), Zürich (Commercialisation), Madrid (Big Data), and The Hague (Privacy & ICT Security).

- ◆ Built a 96-person innovation team for SW/HW/UX engineering and product design across five countries.
- ◆ Supervised systematic and customer-centric development of novel IT products.
- ◆ Collaborated with Solera business units and partner CEOs/CIOs to identify and realise innovation strategies.

Swissgrid AG, Laufenburg, Switzerland

Manage a team of 150 persons and an annual budget of CHF 110M.

CIO & Acting Member of the Board (04/2015 to 06/2015)

Headed overall ICT operations for the Swiss national grid operator with extreme availability demands for transmission-critical systems.

- ◆ Ensured highest-level cyber defence of the critical infrastructure with over a million monthly hostile probes.
- ◆ Initiated various data-driven and AI-based projects for advanced energy and grid management, such as predictive analytics of consumption based on weather patterns.

DB Schenker AG, Essen, Germany

Lead global programme management and implementation for large-scale ICT and transformation initiatives.

Global Programme Manager TMS (09/2005 to 12/2014)

Manage a high-performing team implementing global ICT and business process management of logistics and data warehouse systems for Deutsche Bahn Schenker. Devise and initiate processes to ensure efficient collaboration between 26 project locations in Europe, US, and Asia.

- ◆ Served as global programme manager for various large-scale, Board-level IT initiatives investing over €150M.
- ◆ Established and led global engineering team with 400 permanent staff across 35 nationalities.
- ◆ Designed, implemented and operated a worldwide logistics system to carry group revenue of ca. \$10B.

Additional Experience

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| Lecturer "Management of Major IT Projects" | ◆ University of Applied Sciences, Hamburg, Germany |
| Managing Partner & Chief Technology Officer | ◆ COS-Systems GmbH, Düsseldorf, Germany |
| Chief System Design | ◆ Thales Raytheon Systems, Paris, France & Los Angeles, USA |
| Chief Architect & Software Project Manager | ◆ NATO/NACMA, Brussels, Belgium |
| Senior Software Engineer | ◆ NATO Programming Centre, Glons, Belgium |
| ICT Project Officer | ◆ NATO HQ, Brunssum, The Netherlands |
| Chief Instructor | ◆ Airforce Technical Academy, Augsburg, Germany |
| Officer | ◆ German Airforce |

Education & Credentials

Master of Computer Science ◆ University, Hagen, Germany

Master of Computer Science in Economics ◆ Armed Forces University, Munich, Germany

Certifications: SCRUM Master ◆ PRINCE2 Practitioner ◆ ISACA COBIT Practitioner ◆ EFQM Assessor

Languages: German (fluent) ◆ English (fluent) ◆ Swiss (full understanding) ◆ Dutch (good) ◆ Czech (good) ◆ French (basic)