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Overview

I am a business-savvy IT project management professional. My ability to bring clarity to complexity and learn quickly enable me to thrive in diverse business environments. I can define credible and business-oriented MVPs through which I can make my project successful.

My professional strengths are solution-oriented project management and facilitation. I have excellent stakeholder management and communication skills. I am especially proud of my ability to motivate the project team and create a can-do attitude through my own example.

I have a background in project work with traditional waterfall, hybrid and agile methods. I have industry experience in telecommunications, the financial sector, the defense industry and public administration system projects

ICT Experience 21+ y

Project Management 17+ y

Special Expertise

- Tendering processes
- Change management
- Stakeholder communication
- Regulation and time-critical projects
- Multi-vendor environments

Certificates

- Professional Scrum Product Owner (PSPO I)
- ITIL v3 Expert
- Certified Scrum Master
- ISTQB Foundation

Education

MSc Engineering

Language Skills

Finnish – mother tongue
English – excellent

Project history

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Central Bank of Savings Banks Finland Plc

05/2025–08/2026

Project Manager

Mobile authentication functionality renewal and integration with the mobile bank app

Replacement of legacy authentication app with one where the functionality is merged within the Mobile Banking app. System provider replacement. Development was conducted in a multi-vendor environment with several interdependencies.

- Contract negotiations
- Budget planning
- Cost and progress tracking
- Feature planning
- Multi-vendor management
- Continuous services
- Stakeholder management
- eIDAS audit process

Keywords: Banking systems, mobile development, multi-vendor environment, data migration, compliance

#20

Central Bank of Savings Banks Finland Plc

12/2024–02/2026

Project Manager

Report archiving system renewal

Mainframe based document archive system replacement with a cloud based solution. Report migration

- Budget planning
- Cost and progress tracking
- Test management
- Stakeholder management

Keywords: Data migration, cloud migration, legacy renewal, test planning, test management

Project history

#19

Traficom

10/2022–09/2025

Project Manager

Renewal of a legacy core information system.

Development and implementation project of a centralized personal data, enterprise information and customer relationship management system for the transport information agency.

Renewal of a critical core information system that has reached the end of its life cycle in terms of architecture, usability, performance and technologies. Data migration from the departing system and deployment as a rollover without disrupting operational functions.

- Workload assessments
- Project planning
- API Integrations
- Deployment planning
- Testing Follow-Up
- Stakeholder communication
- Steering group work
- Cost monitoring and budgeting monitoring
- Consideration of amendment proposals

Keywords: Budgeting, stakeholder communication, legacy renewal, data migration, core system

Project history

#18

Numera Services Oy

TE24

06/2024–02/2025

Project Manager

Taking over the project entity from the previous project manager and successfully completing the project within the schedule required by the legislative amendment.

Sub-project 1 – Transfer of business

A transfer of business carried out in ten TE areas, in which the employment relationship information of persons transferred from the state was recorded in the Numera Services systems on the basis of transfer data within the timeframe required by the legislative amendment.

- Workload assessments
- Project planning
- Stakeholder communication
- Preparation of tenders and their approval processes
- Budget and progress tracking

Sub-project 2 – Development of the benefit payment system

A salary payment system development project to manage the payment of start-up grants and other ordered employment benefits in 13 employment areas within the schedule required by law. The project also implemented the production of accounting materials for four different accounting systems (e.g. Kymen SAP and SAP S/4HANA)

- Workload assessments
- Project planning
- Stakeholder management
- Preparation of tenders and their approval processes
- Budget and progress tracking
- API Integrations
- Process development and invoicing conceptualisation for continuous services

Keywords: Supply contracts, tendering processes, stakeholder management, continuous services, budgeting, legislative amendment, data migration

Project history

#17

Central Bank of Savings Banks Finland Plc

10/2022–12/2024

Project Manager

Two-stage treasury compliance project

Stage 1

Ensuring regulatory compliance. Acquisition of a cash management system, modification according to customer needs, and installation in a cloud environment. Development of operational processes and reporting to the authorities. Create an internal cascading settlement service model and price list.

- Manage a multi-vendor environment
- Project planning
- Tendering processes as a customer
- Budget planning
- Cost and progress tracking
- Business expert support
- Process development and process automation

Stage 2

Migration of the old derivative ledger to the acquired system. Development of non-schedule-critical treasury products identified in the planning phase into the system.

Keywords: Banking systems, multi-vendor environment, data migration, compliance, core system

Project history

#16

Central Bank of Savings Banks Finland Plc

10/2022–6/2024

Project Manager

As the customer's project manager for the change in the legality of payments implemented by Samlink. The regulation entered into force in 04/2024, and compliance is a prerequisite for the functioning of payment transactions.

- Supplier management
- Project planning
- Tendering processes
- Budget planning
- Cost and progress tracking

Keywords: Banking systems, compliance

#15

Blue Finance Finland Oy

10/2021–04/2022

Product Owner & Scrum Master

Agile transformation in core lending platform development as a Product Owner and Scrum Master.

- Service development initiatives and road maps
- Facilitation of commercial and legal feasibility workshops.
- Serve as a liaison between development, business and compliance.
- Profitability analysis of the product initiative and supporting revenue and cost calculations.

Keywords: Agile transformation, product owner, change management, core system

Project history

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Bittium Oy

4/2021–6/2021

Product Owner ja Scrum Master

- Agile transformation project for platform development
- Public tender creation

Keywords: Agile transformation

#13

Mash Oy

03/2020–4/2021

Country Manager

- Implementation of a successful ISO27001 recertification.
- Cost-saving measures with partners and personnel.
- Renegotiating contracts with suppliers and partners.
- Product management of the lending platform in the shutdown of the business.
- Planning and managing the dismantling of the entire production environment.
- Adapting business and operational processes and operating methods to meet changes in the operating environment.
- Head of PMO

Keywords: Business transformation, PMO, change management

Project history

#12

Mash Oy

09/2019–03/2020

Business Strategist

- Complete overhaul of the struggling product development and market expansion strategy in cooperation with senior management.
- Achieving the first milestones on schedule and a 50% increase in delivery performance through greater transparency, improved focus, and more dedicated stakeholder management.
- Product Manager of the lending and payment platform. Eight sub-products (4 credit lines, 2 PoS, eCom and credit card) that were run in different countries.
- Communication and coordination of development activities with business managers and country managers.
- Create, document, evaluate, and improve business processes through measurements.
- Process improvement and awareness-raising training.

Keywords: Agile transformation, change management, lending systems, product management

#11

Mash Oy

01/2018–9/2019

Special Projects Manager

- A facilitator who focuses on strategy formulation with business units.
- Facilitate the implementation and implementation of the OKR's across seven business units in four countries.
- Improving the quarterly completion rate from 38% to 84% over 18 months, with more well-defined targets and better accountability.
- An internal consultant in areas of business where more analytical support was needed, perhaps a little objectivity or at least a slightly more neutral perspective.

Keywords: Project planning, product management, change management, lending systems, facilitation, business support

Project history

#10

Euroloan Group

6/2016–1/2018

Business Manager

- Successful implementation of a credit card project as a project and product manager.
- Lending platform extension project for eCom & PoS payment solutions
- Work closely with marketing and sales to determine product feature priorities and a go-to-market plan.
- Create, document, evaluate, and improve business processes through measurements. Process improvement and awareness-raising training

Keywords: Credit card systems, multi-vendor environment, lending systems, product management

#9

Euroloan Group

10/2014–9/2016

Process and Project Manager

- Setting up and ISO27001 certification of security procedures.
- Support the transition of the SE and PL markets to a 2nd generation lending platform (credit line).
- Evaluate and improve operational processes through measurements.
- Process improvement and awareness training.

Keywords: Credit card systems, multi-vendor environment, process development, training, core banking system

Project history

#8

Euroloan Group

11/2013–9/2014

Release Manager / Test developer

- Development and implementation of the release management process for the 2nd generation lending platform.
- Test automation framework upgrade and tool training.

Keywords: Credit card systems, multi-vendor environment, core banking system

#7

Euroloan Group

3/2013–11/2013

Release Manager

- Release planning and scheduling of lending and debt collection platforms
- Test design and development of test automation scripts (Selenium)

Keywords: Credit card systems, multi-vendor environment, test automation, lending systems, core banking system

#6

Cinia Solutions Oy

1/2010–3/2013

Project Manager / Scrum Master / Test Manager

- Management of a network management software development
- Scrum master for the product management development team
- Quality assurance roles (testing management, system testing, bug management) in various software development projects.

Keywords: Finnish Defence Forces, network management software, quality assurance, scrum, test management

Project history

#5

Teleca Finland Oy

12/2007–6/2009

Test Manager / Team Lead

- Head of Testing, Nokia RnD Tools Unit.
- Testing planning, testing coverage analysis, test automation development, event management.
- Leading a multinational testing team.

Keywords: Telecommunications, global project collaboration, testing

#4

Flander Oy

8/2006–4/2007

Project Manager / Test Manager

- Project management of software testing of S60 platform device prototypes.
- Test planning, incident, resource and stakeholder management. Bug management and prioritization

Keywords: Telecommunications, global project collaboration, testing

#3

Flander Oy

1/2005–8/2006

Testing Specialist

- Testing of software for mobile devices.
- Test Coverage Analysis.
- Testing the power consumption of mobile devices with different connection and usage scenarios.
- Bug management and prioritization

Keywords: Telecommunications, global project collaboration, testing

Project history

#2

Nanoradio AB

4/2007–9/2007

Testing Consultant

- BT-WLAN Interoperability Testing
- RF chip testing.
- Configure test scenarios to measure performance.
- Ensuring Bluetooth and WLAN interoperability on the same silicon chip.

Keywords: WLAN testing, RF chip

#1

Flander Oy

12/2003–11/2004

Senior Testing Engineer

- Bluetooth certification testing, compliance test reporting, and delivery for official approval.
- Transfer of the test environment's maintenance and testing capabilities from Nokia to the Flander premises.

Keywords: Bluetooth certification testing, Capability transfer

Career history

- 22- Atsalea Software Oy / Senior IT Project Manager
- 22-22 Profit Software Ltd, Senior Information Technology Consultant
- 21-22 Blue Finance Suomi Oy, Credit Manager / Product Owner
- 21-21 Bittium Oy, Project Manager
- 18-21 Mash Corporation, Country Manager, Business Strategist, Head of Special Projects
- 13-18 Euroloan Group Plc, Business Manager, Process and Project Manager, Release Manager
- 10-13 Cinia Solutions Oy, Project Manager
- 07-09 Teleca Finland, Team leader
- 03-07 Flander Ltd, Project Manager, Testing specialist, Senior Test Engineer