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Senior Information Technology Executive

Business-Centric IT Leadership | Emerging Technologies | ROI-Focused Projects

IT Executive with extensive experience leading systems design and development, implementation, and operations & infrastructure support. Strategically and cost effectively utilizes technology to drive business value within enterprise environments. Excels at building high-performance teams skilled at implementing best practices and driving continuous improvement. History of success “bridging the gap” between technology and business leaders.

- ✓ Talent for gathering business requirements and steering infrastructure, operations, and application development.
- ✓ Applies insightful understanding of business and market needs to champion integration of new technologies.
- ✓ Delivers technology strategies and solutions critical to operational efficiency and powering business growth.
- ✓ Cultivates and effectively manages relationships with internal/external clients, vendors, and key stakeholders.
- ✓ Positively influences executive leadership and decision-making process, linking business and IT strategy.

Core Competencies

- Technical Operations
- Cloud Technologies
- Project & Portfolio Management
- Information Security
- Organizational Development
- Budget Management
- Contract Negotiations
- Outsourcing
- Service Level Agreements
- Systems Integration
- Change Management
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Datacenter Management
- DevOps Support
- DR/Business Continuity

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

EKMAN ASSOCIATES, INC., Yorba Linda, CA

2017 – Current

Vice President, Engagement Services

Partnering with clients in multiple industries to design, develop, and implement technology and business strategies for efficient and cost effective solutions. Primary engagement with NBC Universal as Senior Program Manager within the Vendor Management Office, executing a vendor consolidation strategy for IT Professional Services (domestic and off-shore), Value-Added Reseller (VAR) consolidation, and Telecom consolidation.

MMR & ASSOCIATES, INC., Hermosa Beach, CA

2016 – 2017

Principal IT Consultant

Delivered technology consulting services for IT Strategy, service development and delivery, contract negotiations and deliverables, technical services, operational performance, and service level metrics. Leveraged significant cross-sector technology and innovation experience to help clients develop products and services that are essential for growth. Assisted clients with transformation and innovation efforts to create long-term success by combining technology knowledge with expertise in strategy creation, product and technology development processes, and organizational development.

ENTERTAINMENT PARTNERS, Burbank, CA

2013 – 2016

Vice President, Information Technology

Applied strong, effective leadership, engaging business understanding and IT proficiency to align technology implementation and continuous improvement. Provided oversight and direction for Engineering & Operations, Customer Service, Strategy & Portfolio Management, and IT Process Development and Delivery. Drove increased efficiencies across entire IT organization including technical service delivery, resource and personnel management, capacity planning, DevOps, QA, and Security.

- *Oversaw Information Security responsibilities following departure of CISO, driving continuous improvement in security management including implementation of new Palo Alto firewall and Cisco edge routing technologies.*
- *Effectively drove the migration and consolidation of sub-standard on-site and off-site data center facilities to a state-of-the-art collocation site, significantly reducing risk and improving cost efficiency.*
- *Played an essential M&A leadership role, developing and steering execution of complex systems integration, along with consolidating IT staff into a cohesive unit following the acquisition of a major competitor.*
- *Championed utilization of public cloud services such as Amazon and Azure, for key products, along with integrating new technologies, existing resources, and procedures to build a private cloud.*

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP - CONTINUED

JET PROPULSION LABORATORY (California Institute of Technology), Pasadena, CA

2008 – 2013

Section Manager, Shared Services & Operations Support

Led strategy development, planning, implementation, and management of Operations Integration and Service Delivery support in the Operations, Networking & Cybersecurity Division. Delivered effective program leadership including technical, HR, resources, quality, and cost. Oversaw budgeting, scheduling, and performance standards. Developed programmatic standards, practices, policies, and procedures. Defined technical priorities and performance standards.

- *Drove development of service delivery and operations capabilities through integration of processes for new and existing IT Infrastructure, systems, and services, including Computing Systems, Hosting, Storage, Cloud Services, and End-Users.*
- *Positively influenced adoption of new technologies, including championing cloud technologies and development of a tool to determine appropriate cloud resources to meet user and system requirements.*
- *Devised innovative solutions, utilizing virtual machines (VM) and storage virtualization.*

THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY, Burbank, CA

1999 – 2008

Director, Information Technology

Played key roles across a diverse range of executive leadership positions, providing business insight, operational management, and technology advancement/enhancement. Drove infrastructure modernization, delivered enhanced enterprise-wide end-user services, and oversaw application development for critical enterprise capabilities. Applied established relationship management skills to cultivate and strengthen strategic partnerships with suppliers and vendors. Guided performance and productivity for up to 75 domestic employees and various international resources.

Portfolio & Supplier Management Office, Disney Enterprise Applications, 2006 – 2008

- *Successfully led establishment of Applications Supplier Management function, building, managing, and enhancing relationships with outsourcing vendors, which included a major, global SAP implementation.*

Application Development & Support, Disney Worldwide Services, 2004 – 2006

- *Enhanced SDLC management and support through consolidation of various departments within Corporate Applications, such as application development, database administration, architecture, and web applications.*

Client Services, Disney Worldwide Services, 2003 – 2004

- *Successfully consolidated client services functions, delivering support to multiple business units, achieving decreased costs, and improved quality and efficiency.*
- *Devised, developed, and rolled out a desktop automation program enabling continuous technology refresh of desktops and notebook computers, hardware and software inventory, software distribution, and remote management of devices.*
- *Collaborated on a major IT restructuring and outsourcing project: Performed detailed evaluation of requirements, devised reorganization strategy, and developed shared services supporting multiple business units and Enterprise IT services.*

Global Operations & Technology, Disney Consumer Products, 1999 – 2003

- *Transformed Help Desk by implementing a true Service Center model that incorporated change management and data security functions, significantly increasing quality and efficiency of service.*
- *Established Service Level Agreements with business units and implemented tools and metrics, enabling effective performance measurement and analysis to ensure agreements were fully executed.*
- *Directed comprehensive update of data center including power and resilient air conditioning and environmental monitoring.*

NESTLÉ USA, Glendale, CA

1996 – 1999

Director, Distributed Systems & Services**EDUCATION & AWARDS****Bachelor of Arts in Biology | EARLHAM COLLEGE, Richmond, IN** | Additional emphasis: Management & Computer Sciences**NASA Honor Award for JPL Cloud Application Suitability Model Team, 2012****NASA Honor Award for Cloud Computing Working Group, 2011****NASA Excellence in Team Achievement Award** for work on multi-venue cloud computing architectures, 2011**TECHNOLOGY**

Cloud Technologies | VM Technologies | Windows | Macintosh | Unix/Linux | Exchange/Outlook | LAN/WAN | Cisco | Palo Alto
EDM | Active Directory | MS Office Products | SharePoint | DevOps Support | ERP | Telecom | NAS/SAN | Monitoring