

OBJECTIVE

Information technology provides tools that not only enhance efficiency and effectiveness of regular business operations, but if managed correctly, they are capable of providing a competitive edge to the business itself. My goal is to enable, encourage and empower IT teams to achieve business goals by extracting the maximum value out of IT tools while enriching the team's experience.

EXPERIENCE / PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Over 15 years of varied experience in diverse IT/IS organizations in management / leadership roles.
- Led a team of 12 IT professionals and managed overall IT/IS strategy and requirements of a global company in the Semiconductor Industry (Advantest America Inc).
- Development of a technology roadmap and execution of the same as per plan.
- Ability to focus on goals and motivate teams into achieving them
- Sound knowledge of Oracle and PeopleSoft ERP applications
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Extensive experience with negotiating with IT vendors and service providers.
- Permanent Resident of the US – no immigration-related issues.
- Very conversant with internet technologies – founded XpenseTracker.com
- Complete belief in the maxim – Individuals excel and teams succeed!

EMPLOYMENT

Jun 2001 TO **Advantest America Inc.**
Present Manager of Business Technologies

My role at Advantest America started off with the responsibility to manage the Applications Support Group. In 2003, I was promoted to be the Manager of Business Technologies. My charter is to manage a team (of 12 professionals) so that information technology solutions could be brought to bear in the best possible manner so as to enable and empower employees to be as productive and profitable as possible.

This included infrastructure systems such as e-mail, SAN, PC workstations as well as application systems such as ERP, CRM, Intranet and internet properties. One of my major achievements at Advantest was to formulate an e-Business strategy and oversee its deployment across the company in the US, and also expanding its adoption across other Advantest subsidiaries in Europe and Asia. This task was not merely about implementing technology but re-orienting company culture so that the benefits of e-Business could be accrued.

The audience for this was not just US employees and US customers but world-wide – including the corporate parent in Japan. I was called upon to introduce a change and oversee its adoption across the company.

- Managed the ongoing maintenance and support activities of applications within the company.
- Devised the e-Business strategy and managed it from the stage of conceptualization to development, deployment and company-wide adoption.
- Planned and managed the selection and roll-out of applications to various target groups in the company.

- Introduced and adopted open-source technologies and methodologies so as to extract the most optimal ROI .
- Developed high-level technology roadmaps to communicate goals and plans to Senior Management.
- Developed detailed plans for work-station, network and application security for the protection of company assets.
- Managed the IT infrastructure of the company by re-organizing / outsourcing functions where necessary and only retaining areas of critical concern within the organization.
- Provide leadership, guidance and mentorship to team members and make them successful.

Apr 2000 TO
Present

XpenseTracker.com.

Founder and chief architect.

XpenseTracker.com started as a hobby project which I conceived and designed. It was built and deployed along with a friend and it has been in operation since May 2000. It has gained wide popularity and has received reasonable acclaim since its inception and subsequent evolution. It was adjudged an Incredibly Useful Site by Yahoo Internet Life and it is the recipient of the Golden Web Award.

Much like Quicken™ and Quickbooks™ it aims at providing users with an easy way to track their personal and/or shared expenses. The critical difference is that it is web-based and hence no software needs to be downloaded and maintained.

XpenseTracker.com continues to be a popular web-based tool that is in operation today and is widely used by students, roommates, families and individuals. It also generates enough revenue to sustain itself without additional funding from me. Although it is not exactly a “runaway commercial success”, it is an expression of my creativity as well as entrepreneurial spirit that I am proud of.

Oct-95 TO
Jun-2001

**Metamor / PSI Net Consulting solutions
Sr. Principal Consultant**

- A senior consultant for the implementation, on-going support and upgrade of customer’s ERP Applications. Managed teams of functional and technical resources needed to support customers’ ERP implementation initiatives.

Mar 2001 TO
May 2001

ADVANTEST AMERICA INC (Santa Clara, CA)

Participated in the upgrade of Oracle from 10.7 to 11.03. Tasks included:

- Tabulation of Customizations
- Testing and Problem resolution based on prioritizing
- Implementation of software and patches
- Training of Users
- Deployment , System Audit and cut-over
- Post-Production support

09 2000 TO
Feb-2001

CISCO (San Jose, CA)

Led a team for the re-vamp and re-structuring of the AP EDI interface.

Current systems were not only ‘buggy’ but also highly support-intensive. Our task was to analyze current components and recommend and implement improvements on an architectural as well as a functional level.

- Thoroughly analyzed current modules
- Identified ‘weak-links’ and obtained buy-in from end-users and tech team.
- Recommended enhancements / improvements
- Oversaw development, testing and implementation
- Documentation of new mechanisms

**05/2000 TO
08/2000**

Tavolo.com (Novato, CA)

Worked as a lead for the implementation of the Oracle Purchasing and also played a vital role in other aspects / modules of the project.

- Requirements gathering and Gap Analysis – Oracle Purchasing.
- Application setups, testing, acceptance – Oracle Purchasing.
- Design for legacy data conversion, Vendors, Customers, Items, Order History
- Mapping and technical scoping for interfacing Tavolo’s web-site with Oracle Apps.

**06/99 TO
05/2000**

Advantest Corporation (Santa Clara, CA)

Worked as a Project Manager for Advantest Corp., implementing Web-Employees module of Oracle to displace the legacy system (AS400) as a part of the Y2K preparedness initiative. Also implemented Clarify application for service tracking modules and interfaced it to Oracle Receivables.

- Managed technical as well as user teams for scoping, deployment, testing and roll-out of Web-Employee application
- Built plans and executed as per budget using in-house and contract resources for Oracle and Clarify applications.
- Designed and built custom modules within applications so that they interface seamlessly with one another.
- Developed test plans and roll-out strategies for ensuring complete Y2K capability.

**02/98 TO
02/99**

NEC ELECTRONICS (Santa Clara, CA)

Worked as team lead for this assignment, which was Data Conversion from the legacy (IBM) system to a PeopleSoft Application (release 7.5). The team size was 4 and it was our task to determine how the data structures in PeopleSoft were to be populated with legacy data and the impact of the same on the intended functionality of various modules (Inventory, Purchasing and AP).

- Required to understand the data structures in the legacy system and map these over to the PeopleSoft equivalents.
- Plan and oversee the design of the conversion process and keep the user community included and informed about issues. The team used SQR and ‘Convoy’ as conversion tools.
- Build and execute test plans and scripts to validate the conversion process. Required to interact with technical and non-technical personnel.

**10/95 TO
02/98**

SILICON GRAPHICS INC. (Mt. View, CA)

Joined the Admin-IS organization and assisted in the roll-out of Oracle Applications for the departments of the Administration and Finance organizations.

- The modules in question were GL, Purchasing and AP. Tasked to help the user community understand the functionality provided by Oracle applications and assist in the users in adopting the same.
- Provide on-going support as a Business Analyst with core technical staff and the user community.
- During the CRAY merger, Assist the team in mapping their business process model to the one in operation at SGI and configuring the application to facilitate it.
- Part of the team that successfully completed the upgrade to Oracle 10.7. Investigate evaluate and calibrate the additional functionality that was provided in the new release.
- Required to draw up test plans and suites to ensure that all the modules were adequately tested.

**06/93 TO
09/95**

**FOUNDATION SOFTWARE ASSOCIATES
TECHNICAL/BUSINESS MANAGER (Bombay, India)**

Joined this organization as a team leader and was associated with two of its overseas software projects.

- Performed various technical and managerial/administrative roles for the successful completion of projects.
- Managed the Oracle business group which is a profit center handling Oracle based projects and products.

**URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - SINGAPORE
PROJECT MANAGER**

- Led a team of 8-10 programmers, analysts and DBAs in the analysis, design, development and deployment of a “add-on” module to Oracle Financials (Rel. 9).
- Automation of financial and management accounting for the Urban Redevelopment Authority, (URA), of Singapore. The Management Accounting module provides the management with critical decision support information regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of resource utilization.
- The system comprises activity based budgeting and cost accounting & management reporting and closely interfaces with the general ledger module of Oracle Financial.
- The Management Accounting Module was designed and developed using Oracle*Case as the operative methodology.

IBM RS/6000, AIX, ORACLE 7.0, ORACLE*CASE

**KEPPEL BANK - SINGAPORE
PROJECT LEADER**

- Led a team of 4-5 programmers in the deployment and user acceptance testing of an Investment Banking System.
- The Investment Banking System was designed, developed and implemented for a bank in Singapore.
- The Singapore government allows its nationals to use the funds accumulated in their provident fund a/c for investment in approved securities. This system facilitated the management of these transactions and holdings in the customers’ investment accounts.

IBM AS/400, COBOL/400, CL/400

**08/90 TO
05/93**

**DATAMATICS, LTD.
PROGRAMMER**

Joined as a programmer and worked in the capacity of programmer/analyst for several in-house and overseas projects.

**NATIONAL BANK OF DUBAI
PROGRAMMER ANALYST**

- The Foreign Exchange Dealing System was design, developed and implemented for the National Bank of Dubai.
- Facilitated the dealing room operations as well as the back office functions.
- System interfaces with an existing NCR based GL system for accounting purposes.
- Comprised a module which directly downloaded data on the SWIFT network.
- Developed on a DOS/LAN platform using Oracle 6.0 RDBMS, SQL*Forms, SQL*Reports and Pro*C.

ORACLE 6.0, DOS/LAN, FORMS 3.0, REPORTWRITER, PRO*C

**ARAB INSURANCE GROUP
PROGRAMMER ANALYST**

- The Outwards Settlement System and the Personnel and Payroll system were developed and implemented for the Arab Insurance Group, (ARIG), one of the largest re-insurance companies in the middle-east. They were developed on-site on WANG - VS 7120 using PACE RDBMS, as per prescribed design, development, acceptance and documentation standards.

WANG VS 7120, PACE RDBMS

**IN-HOUSE
PROGRAMMER ANALYST**

- Designed and developed a Library Management System for in-house use to maintain stocks of books, periodicals, video cassettes, micro films, etc., as well as to process transactions such as issue, return, default, etc.

WANG VS-100, VS-COBOL

**08/90 TO
05/93**

**APPLE INDUSTRIES LTD.
PROGRAMMER**

**STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM
PROGRAMMER**

- Designed, developed and implemented for monitoring student details and performance.

MS DOS, MS COBOL

HARDWARE

IBM-PC RANGE
WANG VS 100/7120
AT&T 3B2
IBM RS 6000
IBM AS 400
Silicon Graphics, Sun

SOFTWARE/LANGUAGES

UNIX	Linux
AIX	OS 400
WANG VS 7120	MS DOS
NOVELL NetWare	MS WINDOWS
ORACLE 7.0/6.0	FORMS 3.0
SQL*REPORTWRITER 1.0	ORACLE*CASE
SQR	CONVOY
PACE RDBMS	INGRES
C	COBOL
LOTUS 1-2-3	DBASE III+
LBMS AUTO-MATE PLUS	PRO*C

EDUCATION

Bachelors in Commerce - MAJOR : Business Management
DIPLOMA in COMPUTER STUDIES (National Computing Center – (NCC - UK))

REFERENCES : Extensive and impressive – can be made available upon request.