

Braden Walters

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PROFILE

Results-driven Product Manager with analytical and technical expertise, experienced in leading digital transformation across Plant Maintenance and Sales Operations. Skilled in agile delivery and stakeholder engagement, while consistently earning trust from teams and leadership. Seeking to drive innovation and operational excellence through strategic product management.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Reyes Coca-Cola Bottling, Niles, Illinois

IT Product Manager, Sales Operations & Plant Maintenance | Oct 2024-Present

Lead cross-functional teams to deliver digital solutions that enhance operational efficiency and business value across Plant Maintenance and Sales Operations. Collaborates with strategic owners to translate business needs into actionable roadmaps which align with product strategy, and advocates for agile delivery of initiatives. Contributed to budget planning and hiring, enabled Snowflake data access for analytics, and coordinated mobile device procurement, setup, and support. Responsibilities include sprint planning, backlog refinement, stakeholder engagement, and budgeting. Recognized for building product mindset, aligning priorities, and introducing agile practices to support business initiatives.

IT Business Analyst, Plant Maintenance | Jul 2022-Oct 2024

Facilitated the transition to an agile development model by working with business partners to create and refine the product backlog. Supported the implementation of a new mobile-first maintenance solution through testing, hardware acquisition and configuration, and on-site training and support. Worked with external vendors to onboard new software solutions and integrate their solutions into the existing SAP system as needed. Provided Testing and support for an SAP S/4 cutover from an existing ECC installation. Involved end-to-end with project intake, requirements gathering, testing, handoff, and support.

BNSF Railway, Fort Worth, Texas

Senior Business Analyst | Jan 2020-Jul 2022

Led cross-functional collaboration between business stakeholders and developers to support full-cycle SAP Plant Maintenance implementation and ongoing enhancements using Agile. Managed system analysis, design, configuration, testing, implementation, and cutover support of SAP ERP solutions with UI5 and ECC. Delivered mockups, interface mappings, and requirements and worked closely with onshore and offshore team members to ensure correct and timely delivery for the UI5 and ABAP development. Involved with external system integrations, SAP security role design, and release planning.

Systems Developer | Jun 2015-Jan 2020

Contributed to the full lifecycle implementation of the Materials Management (MM) module of an SAP ERP system, aligned with Procure-to-Pay (P2P) and Inventory Management processes. Collaborated with business partners and development leads from blueprinting through cutover support, including roles in the design, testing, and rollout. Served as the Scrum Master for two Agile teams, and served as the functional lead for MM-PM module integration. Developed functional design documents, coordinated with external vendors on system interfaces, performed unit and integration tests, delivered end-user training, and led enhancements work to improve adoption and utilization.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

SAP: SAP MM and PM, Solution Manager, SAP UI5 UX design

Tools: Azure DevOps, Octane, VersionOne/Jira, Vizio, Power BI, Power Automate, Mobile Device Management

Development & Methodologies: Agile/Scrum, Waterfall, Python, Java, SQL

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA) | Texas Christian University, Neeley School of Business | 2019

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computer Science, cum laude | The University of Texas at Arlington | 2015