

# **EDUCATION**

05/2004

University of St. Cyril and
Methodius | Slovakia
Bachelor degree: Applied
Mathematics and Informatics

05/1999

Secondary School of Electrical
Engineering | Slovakia
A - levels: Electrotechnics and
Informatics

#### **SKILLS**

- Build high-performing Agile teams
- Proactive problem-solving
- Focus on delivering results
- Driving continuous improvement
- Clear communication

# **CERTIFICATIONS**

- <u>Certified SAFe® 6 Scrum Master</u>
- Professional Scrum Master™ I (PSM I)
- Professional Scrum Product
   Owner™ I (PSPO I)
- Scaled Professional Scrum™ (SPS)
- IBM Agile Explorer
- Master of Bargain Arts

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# PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a certified Scrum Master and Project Manager with over 14 years of experience leading global Agile projects for companies such as **IBM** and startups backed by **BlackRock**. I have successfully collaborated with international teams across industries including software development, EV charging, banking, online finance, retail, pharma, and ERP.

I drive results through clear communication, proactive problem-solving, and expertise in Agile methodologies. I build and lead high-performing teams, ensure timely project delivery, and promote a culture of continuous improvement.

# **WORK HISTORY**

03/2022 - current

- ★ Scrum Master | IONITY, www.ionity.eu , Germany
- ⇒ Developed IT systems in the SAFe framework with 8-10 teams for EV charging stations across 24 European countries, backed by BlackRock, Porsche, Audi, BMW Group, Mercedes, Volkswagen, Ford, Huyndai Motor Group
- ⇒Led two SAFe Scrum teams to deliver high-quality features using Lean-Agile principles.
- → Coached teams using Scrum principles to deliver high-quality product features

# ACHIEVEMENTS

⇒Increased Accountability: Promoted ownership and commitment within the team.

# **LANGUAGES**

- English- Fluent in English
- German Beginner
- Slovak Native
- Czech Native

#### **INDUSTRIES**

- Technology and software development
- Renewable energy and automotive
- Banking and online finance
- Retail and consumer goods
- Pharma and healthcare
- ERP

### **TOOLS**

- Jira
- Confluence
- Trello
- Miro
- Conceptboard
- Agile Metrics

⇒Strengthened Teamwork & Collaboration: Fostered open communication and supportive practices.

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#### 07/2021 - 02/2022

- ★ Agile Project Manager | Odoo Partner, <u>www.26house.com</u>, Slovakia
- ⇒Implemented custom Odoo ERP systems for clients in banking, e-commerce, and software industries (<u>partnersbanka.cz</u>, <u>stringdata.cz</u>, <u>dedoles.com</u>).
- → Managed all project phases (initiation to closing) and support 2 Scrum teams.
- ⇒Scheduled agile project, defined framework, team roles, Scrum rules, scope, budget, MVP.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ⇒ Proactive Problem Solving: Addressed challenges early, reducing project delays.
- ⇒Enhanced Feedback Mechanisms: Provided constructive feedback for continuous improvement.

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#### 06/2019 - 07/2021

- ★ Scrum Master | CSOB Bank, www.csob.sk, Slovakia
- → Delivered innovative products and security features in Online and Mobile Banking.
- ⇒Supported multiple Scrum teams in delivering key features by facilitating team coordination.

# **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ⇒Backlog Prioritization: Focused on high-value tasks, increasing transparency.
- ⇒Scope Control with Clear DoD: Ensured quality with a defined scope and completion criteria.

#### 03/2018 - 05/2019

- ★ Scrum Master | IBM, www.ibm.com, Slovakia
- ⇒Enhanced global B2B operations by delivering new features for IBM's Contract Handling.
- ⇒Established Scrum processes for distributed teams across time zones, driving agile transformation.

# **ACHIEVEMENTS**

→ Active Stakeholder Involvement: Aligned stakeholder feedback with sprint outcomes.

⇒Realistic Sprint Planning: Optimized planning to match team capacity, reducing overcommitment.

#### 05/2017 - 03/2018

- ★ Agile Project Manager | STADA, <u>www.walmarkgroup.stada/en</u>, Czechia
- → Delivered e-commerce solutions for multiple CEE countries using Agile best practices.
- → Managed all phases of e-shops development and fostered collaboration among Scrum teams

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ⇒Effective Team Communication: Improved clarity and alignment throughout the project.
- → Predictable Velocity: Improved team velocity through balanced workloads and consistent planning.

#### 01/2011 - 04/2017

- ★ Agile Project Manager | CUNAMI, www.tomaskaraba.com, Czechia
- → Managed the delivery of an eShop and e-commerce platform using Scrum and Kanban methodologies, leading a cross-functional team of up to 20 members.
- ⇒Successfully built an e-commerce startup platform from scratch, aligning development, shipment, and customer service to achieve business goals.

# **ACHIEVEMENTS**

- ⇒Enhanced Process Efficiency, streamlining workflows to deliver features faster while maintaining quality.
- →Improved Sprint Goal Alignment, fostering team focus and motivation, which led to achieving sprint completion consistently.

# PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- ★ 2010 2011, Export Manager, ALPINE PRO, Czechia, www.alpinepro.com
  - ⇒Business development for CEE markets and care for existing ones.
- ★ 2009 2010, Marketing Manager, KOLOS, Czechia, www.kolos.sk/en
- → Manage marketing campaigns for existing and new customers.
- ★ 2008 -2009, Store Manager, LIDL UK, Scotland, www.lidl.co.uk
- ⇒Sales support, administration, marketing activities for Lidl store.
- ★ 2006 2008, Team Lead, TESCO UK, Scotland, www.tesco.com
- ⇒Lead a team of agency workers in Tesco distribution centre
- ★ 2005 -2006, Business Analyst, TATRA BANK, Slovakia, www.tatrabanka.sk
  - ⇒Creation of new analytics criteria, benchmarking, KPI and reporting.