

Curriculum Vitae

Personal data

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Career history

07/2022 – current

Senior IT consultant (client Swiss Re)

Reto Fürst Consulting

- Transferring product owner responsibilities as part of product area reorganisation/squad merge.
- Coaching squad product owner of merged squads.
- Helping to build up a new product owner as well as new technical business analysts due to position re-fills.
- Helping to replace the 1-year plan planning process with SAP Analytics Cloud.

09/2019 – 06/2022

Senior IT consultant (client Swiss Re)

Reto Fürst Consulting

- IT product owner and squad lead within “Direct Expense” squad.
- IT architect within “Group Cost Management and Reporting” product area.
- Managing and overseeing the replacement of legacy systems by establishing a new projection planning process on SAP Analytics Cloud.
- Introducing a new group-wide direct expense consolidation platform on SAP S4/HANA.

02/2016 – 07/2019

Senior IT consultant (client Swiss Re)

RM IT Professional Ressources AG

- IT project lead of project “Cost transparency”.
- Helping Swiss Re to provide full transparency of admin expenses by managing the go-live of a new global service cost accounting solution based on SAP S4/HANA.
- IT team lead with colleagues located in Zurich, Bratislava, Athens, and Noida.
- Delivering and accompanying the IT cutover strategy from build to run organisation.

07/2014 – 07/2015

Director, Head ATLAS IT Cost Accounting

Swiss Re

- IT project lead of project “Cost transparency”.

- Managing the design and implementation of a global service cost accounting solution on SAP S/4 HANA.
- Driving and supporting SAP S/4 HANA simple finance co-innovations partnership with SAP.

- 12/2012 – 06/2014 | Vice President, Senior Manager Application Engineer
Swiss Re America Cooperation (international assignment)
- Deputy Unit Head (Unit General Ledger Systems).
 - IT application engineering team lead in the US payment platform area (developers in Armonk, Kansas, Zurich, and Munich).
 - Duty manager: Part of the Finance IT duty manager team during closing periods (7x24).
- 04/2009 – 11/2012 | Vice President, Senior Manager Application Engineer
Swiss Re
- Deputy Unit Head (Unit Financial Accounting Solutions).
 - IT application engineering team lead in the global general ledger and payments area (developers in Zurich and Bratislava).
 - IT lead architect of project “Boost” (BASWARE AP Scanning and Workflow / AvantGard TRAX integration).
- 04/2007 – 03/2009 | Assistant Vice President, Senior Application Engineer
Swiss Re
- IT architect in the global general ledger system and payment area.
 - IT lead architect of project “Cost Controlling Solution” (Hyperion Essbase integration).
 - IT architect of project “Cash Management Solution” (AvantGard Quantum integration).
 - On-call duty during closing periods (7x24).
- 01/2005 – 03/2007 | Associate, Application Engineer
Swiss Re
- Analysis, design, implementation, and testing of batch and online applications, Data modelling.
 - On-call duty during closing periods (7x24).

Other work experience

- 01/2023 – current | Volunteer
Fundacja Dziedzictwo Przyrodnicze
- Photography, nature walks, education
- 06/2015 – current | Founder & owner
retofuerst.com
- Photographer

- 06/2015 – 07/2019 | Co-Founder & co-owner
trainingundernaehrung.ch GmbH (Startup)
 - Co-founder and co-owner of trainingundernaehrung.ch gmbh, a company offering personal training, nutrition consulting, and dance classes.
 - Marketing, acquisition, social media, web design, photography, accounting.

- 11/1999 - 10/2000 | Teacher & instructor
Instituto International Panama (internship abroad)
 - Computer science teacher at day school (for children).
 - Digital technology and electronics instructor at evening school (for adults).

- 08/1995 - 07/1999 | Apprenticeship as electronic technician
MSW – Winterthur

Education & Trainings

- 06/2019 | SCRUM / agile training
Swiss Re (Bratislava)

- 10/2013 | PRINCE 2 Foundation and Practitioner certification
The Knowledge Academy (New York)

- 11/2012 | Insurance Leadership Simulation Program
Swiss Re (Zurich)

- 10/2011 – 06/2012 | Java SE6 training
Digicomp (Zurich)

- 2007 – 2009 | Master of Advanced Studies in Business Engineering
University of Applied Sciences in Business Administration Zurich
 - Master thesis with the highest mark possible.
 - Main focus on business engineering, knowledge- and project management.

- 10/2008 | Core Spring training
Swiss Re (Zurich)

- 11/2007 | Hyperion Essbase Analytics bootcamp
Hyperion Solutions Cooperation (Zurich)

- 2001 – 2004 | Dipl. Ing. FH in Communication Systems and Informatics
Zurich University of Applied Sciences
 - Award received from ETW.
 - Main focus on software engineering and IT security.

1995 – 1999 | Professional Diploma (BMS)
BBW (Winterthur)

Languages

Mother tongue | German
Fluent | English, Spanish
Basic | French, Polish

Hobbies

| Photography (www.retofuerst.com)
| Birding