

# Curriculum Vitae

## Personal data

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## Career history

- 01/2024 – current | Senior IT consultant (client Swiss Re)  
*Reto Fürst Consulting*
- Technical business analyst within “Group Cost Management and Reporting” squad.
  - Coaching and supporting the new product owner of the “Service Cost Accounting” squad.
  - Helping to replace the accruals process with a consolidated dashboard solution fully integrated with SAP GL.
- 07/2022 – 12/2023 | 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 refills.
  - 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-innovation 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, and 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, and accounting.
- 11/1999 - 10/2000 | Teacher & instructor  
*Instituto International Panama (internship abroad)*  
○ Computer science teacher at a day school (for children).  
○ Digital technology and electronics instructor at evening school (for adults).
- 08/1995 - 07/1999 | Apprenticeship as an 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](http://www.retofuerst.com))
- | Birding