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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

PMP-certified Technical Project Manager with 5+ years of experience leading large, cross-functional enterprise initiatives across full project lifecycles using Agile, Waterfall, and Hybrid methodologies. Distinguished by a pairing uncommon among PMs: hands-on software development experience (full-stack web development, systems architecture) combined with current, ongoing coursework in agentic AI tooling — positioned to lead AI-adoption and automation initiatives rather than simply consume AI-generated reports. Proven ability to manage multiple concurrent projects, control scope and budgets, and deliver complex technology programs on time and within budget. Skilled in executive reporting, risk mitigation, and stakeholder alignment. Adept at translating business and customer needs into actionable delivery plans while mentoring teams and driving continuous process improvement.

CORE SKILLS

Project & Program Management: Enterprise Project Management, Program Management, Full Project Lifecycle, Scope & Change Management, Risk & Issue Management, Budget & Cost Control, Project Planning & Scheduling, Milestone Tracking, Resource Planning, Vendor Coordination, Governance & PMO Standards, Statement of Work

Delivery Methodologies: Agile (Scrum, Kanban), Waterfall, Hybrid Methodologies, SDLC, Continuous Delivery, Backlog Refinement, DevOps Collaboration, Quality Assurance Collaboration

Business & Leadership: Executive Reporting, Program Scorecards, Stakeholder Engagement & Management, Cross-Functional Leadership, Business Unit Collaboration, Process Optimization, Continuous Improvement, Mentorship & Team Development, Client-Facing, Negotiation, Data Analysis

Tools & Platforms: Microsoft Copilot, AI-Enabled Reporting, Azure DevOps, JIRA, Confluence, Microsoft Project, Smartsheet, SharePoint, Visio, PowerPoint, ServiceNow, Microsoft Dynamics 365, Adobe Workfront, AWS, Azure, SQL

Hands-On Technical Skills: SQL Server, C#, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, React, AngularJS, .NET, ASP.NET MVC, Git, GitHub, Test-Driven Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Development & Family Sabbatical

Chattanooga, TN | September 2023 – 2026

- Stepped back from full-time employment to focus on family responsibilities while maintaining professional currency through certification, continuing education, and volunteer leadership.
- Completed the Project Management Certificate (Gener8tor Skills Accelerator) and continuing education in cloud deployment, advanced SQL, and agentic AI tools.
- Served in elected chapter leadership roles with PMI Chattanooga (Vice President, Professional Development; Vice President, Membership) and completed the United Way of Chattanooga Emerging Leaders program.

Technical Project Manager

Shaw Industries Group, Inc. — Chattanooga, TN | January 2022 – August 2023

(Shaw acquired Tricycle Inc. in 2017)

- Led successful delivery of 50+ enterprise IT and digital marketing projects using Azure DevOps for sprint planning, backlog grooming, and execution, resulting in a 20% increase in website traffic and a 15%

improvement in B2B conversion rates.

- Managed digital marketing contracts for 35 enterprise clients, ensuring on-time delivery of website builds and maintaining an average customer satisfaction rating of 4.8/5.
- Supported Agile development workflows through Azure DevOps pipelines and repositories, reducing project completion time by 25% and increasing client retention by 30%.
- Streamlined SDLC workflows and documentation using Azure DevOps dashboards and wikis, reducing bug leakage to system integration testing by 40% and accelerating delivery timelines by 20%, generating approximately \$200K in annual cost savings.

Technical Project Manager

Tricycle Inc. — Chattanooga, TN | April 2020 – December 2021

- Led the Agile intellectual property transfer initiative following acquisition by Shaw Industries, reducing transfer time by 20% and saving an estimated \$100K in project costs.
- Directed enterprise-wide migration from Google Workspace to Microsoft 365, coordinating cross-functional teams and business units during the Shaw acquisition to unify communication, file sharing, and productivity tools; ensured seamless adoption through training, change management, and phased rollout strategies.
- Implemented Agile delivery practices that increased team productivity by 30% and reduced development cycle time by 15%, accelerating delivery of key milestones.
- Collaborated closely with 3–5 cross-functional team members to define project goals, plans, and success metrics, ensuring alignment and successful outcomes.

Front-End Developer

Tricycle Inc. — Chattanooga, TN | June 2016 – April 2020

- Managed an 8-month, \$50K Agile project with a 3-member development team to deliver a B2B SaaS application streamlining customer image, logo, and icon uploads, improving customer satisfaction by 18%.
- Led end-to-end delivery of a 7-month, \$25K Agile project overseeing 2 developers to build a B2B SaaS application visualizing SSRS customer sales data, improving reporting efficiency by 15 minutes per query and optimizing resource utilization for ~12% cost savings (approximately \$50K annually).

Full Stack Developer Apprentice

Nashville Software School — Nashville, TN | July 2015 – January 2016

- Applied Agile software development practices, modern front-end technologies, and domain-driven design principles to build one front-end and one back-end web application.
- Collaborated with 3–5 team members to define requirements, align project goals, and deliver intuitive, user-focused applications.

Owner

Connolly Ventures LLC — Chattanooga, TN | January 2013 – February 2015

- Founded and operated a small business, managing over 1,000 client relationships through CRM practices while maintaining 100% customer satisfaction.
- Recruited, hired, trained, and led a team of five employees, increasing operational efficiency by 10% year-over-year.

Project Manager

Co.Lab — Chattanooga, TN | May 2012 – August 2012

- Acted as a liaison between eight technical startups and eight lead mentors, facilitating communication and alignment to meet customer and business needs.

- Guided startup teams in defining product vision, project timelines, and resource plans, resulting in 100% project completion and business plans pitched to 300+ investors.

Project Manager

Track 29 — Chattanooga, TN | May 2011 – April 2012

- Increased company revenue by \$200K annually through strategic initiatives, revenue-generating activities, and effective risk mitigation.
- Created project timelines, managed stakeholder expectations, and defined KPIs to ensure successful delivery and alignment with organizational objectives.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA) — University of Tennessee at Chattanooga — Chattanooga, TN (2009)

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) — University of Georgia — Athens, GA (2002)

Full Stack Developer Bootcamp — Nashville Software School — Nashville, TN (2015)

CERTIFICATIONS

Project Management Professional (PMP) — Project Management Institute, Credential ID 3795750 (Expires 2027)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Project Management Certificate — Gener8tor Skills Accelerator (August 2025)
- Advanced SQL (6-week course) — Nashville Software School (August 2025)
- Cloud Deployment Fundamentals I, II, III — Nashville Software School (2025–2026)
- Learning & Testing an Existing Codebase — Nashville Software School (2026)
- Agentic AI Tools for Developers (6-week course) — Nashville Software School (December 2025)
- Agentic AI (full course) — Nashville Software School (2026)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

- **PMI Chattanooga — Vice President, Membership** (2026) — Elected chapter officer; leveraging Smartsheet to manage event planning, volunteer coordination, and chapter programming for the local PMI membership base.
- **PMI Chattanooga — Vice President, Professional Development** (2025) — Elected chapter officer; set chapter-wide continuing education and professional development strategy.
- United Way of Chattanooga — Emerging Leaders (2024)