



Job Description: IT Business Analyst

Location: Based in either Map of Ag's Penrith or Frome office.

Salary: Competitive based on Experience

Hours: 40 hours per week

Map of Ag is an exciting technology company, offering data connectivity, models and software components as part of its core product range. From its offices in the UK, as well as in Hamilton, New Zealand, Map of Ag works with a wide variety of customers including food retailers, processors, industry professionals and software companies, to help connect farm data and provide innovative insights.

As part of its growing client base, Map of Ag is looking to recruit a new Business Analyst, who will work closely with development teams in both the UK & New Zealand in an agile environment.

Job Role

The day-to-day activities for this role revolve around supporting Product Owners, both internally and externally, with understanding requirements and producing specifications for the development team. This includes:

- Facilitating and leading workshops and design sessions, drawing out needs from end users, and identifying and elaborating user stories.
- Using these to help with design approaches to produce the requirement specification to be presented back to the Product Owner.
- Assigning priorities to different components of work based on the user needs that have been identified.
- Providing comprehensive and clear documentation and acceptance criteria to the development teams in a timely manner.
- For data connectivity projects, producing clear data mapping documentation to enable external data sources to feed into Map of Ag's core Pure Farming data platform.
- Providing ongoing clarity and direction to the development teams to ensure they work effectively and deliver the outcomes desired.

- Working closely with the Project Manager to make sure project progress can be tracked against key project metrics, to help with decision making and risk mitigation.
- Supporting the sales and pre-sales process where required, including providing documentation of high-level requirements or project estimation activities.

Key Skills

The following skills would be required for this role.

- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to write and speak in English in a team environment, and to interact effectively with other team members and clients face to face and remotely.
- Experience of working in an IT Business Analyst or similar role in a commercial business (and/or demonstrable certified training).
- Demonstrated ability to identify and translate business requirements into clear and concise user stories and/or functional and non-functional requirements.
- Experience and/or understanding of working in agile software development teams and of using software development methodologies and requirements management tools.
- Manage own time effectively and be able to prioritise and focus on highest priority and business value tasks to ensure these are delivered. Support others with information for similar decisions.
- Able to contribute effectively to teams and work closely with other individuals across a variety of roles within the business.
- Familiarity with Office 365 tools, and collaborative solutions such as Azure Devops, Trello, OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox or similar.
- Possess the drive to help grow the business, including willingness to turn a hand to multiple tasks and situations which may sometimes be outside the usual job specification.
- Experience within the agri-food sector is desirable, however training would be provided around farming and the food value chain, and terminology where required.
- Experience with databases and data sources is advantageous.

Location, Travel & Hours

Map of Ag has UK offices in Penrith (Cumbria) and Frome (Somerset), and is flexible with the location of potential candidates.

Given the international nature of Map of Ag with its office in New Zealand, flexible full-time hours would be offered to allow the successful candidate to work with the New Zealand based development team where required.

The role would involve occasional travel within the UK, either to clients or for meetings with the wider Map of Ag team.

Package

We offer a competitive salary, with 25 days paid annual leave in addition to public holidays and enrolment onto the company workplace pension scheme.

Further Information

For further information on the role please call Rob Burgess on 07860 952596.

