

Hello there! I am Bobby, a...

# <u> Finance Data Steward</u>

I am the "go to" person in Finance who is the closest to Finance data. I am passionate about driving continuous data improvement and am responsible for keeping abreast with latest advancements in technology that can help Finance improve the insights from data.

#### WHO AM I

### Bobby Finance Data Steward

"I am the data expert in the organisation and my role is to help to ensure that the right data is available to the right people at the right time. I collaborate with other areas of Finance as well as IT to ensure that data is being used interpreted correctly. I can provide access to more detailed data from Finance Systems to enrich analysis. I have a deep understanding of how data connects across the different finance systems and other operational systems that impacts financials. My role is to also ensure ongoing fitness and conformance of transformation initiatives with Finance and enterprise wide data policies."

## MY ROLE

In my role, I am required to have:

- Deep knowledge of available data, definitions, and interactions within systems and environments
- Knowledge of how different user groups are using data and for what purposes
- Strong relationships with the Finance Business Partners, IT and the wider business

My responsibilities include:

- Ensuring data integrity and continuous data improvement
- Lead self service analytics capability and culture
- Provide innovative solutions on how to best derive insights and information from data, based on my knowledge of the data flows and data available across the systems
- Take lead in advocating for and implementing appropriate analytics toolkits to better manage and transform data and it's application across the business
- Lead initiatives around validation and building consistent data across different systems in Finance
- Support resolution of stakeholders' problems/queries on data

#### DAY IN MY LIFE

9:00 Attend Team meeting to respond to outstanding requests, to prioritise and organise workloads

Discussion with finance teams about analytics requirements and available data to help bring better insights and foresights

Attend meeting with IT to review and discuss analytical requirements, data definition and requirements with IT business partner to identify options in digital innovation and how best to approach any risks and / or data issues

1:00 Meet expert and citizen data scientists to ensure they are able to build and maintain the data frameworks for their model building activities

Review data warehousing strategy and align data requirements highlighting expected benefits and impact to Finance systems, prior to briefing with CDO / CTO team on data initiatives

Attend briefing with CDO / CTO team on new data initiatives and understand / communicate impact of this initiative on downstream Finance systems and Finance outputs.

#### MY SKILLS

Accounting and Tax Systems

Data Governance

Project Management

Digital Problem Solving

Stakeholder Management

Agile Project Delivery

Cross-Functional Acumen

User Centric Approach & Testing

Programming and Coding

Systems Thinking

## MY TOOLBOX



2:00

4:00

Core Accounting system is the foundation used to capture and record financial accounting transactions. Data stewards would need to understand data available and how data flows between accounting system to both upstream and downstream systems



Data Integration Tools such as data warehouse allows organisations to ingest, transform, and provision data to meet requirements across a multiple, disparate data sources, within the organisation across the lines of business such as products, customers, vendors, employees



Data Science & Machine Learning (DSML) platforms offers a mixture of basic and advanced functionality including data ingestion, data preparation, data exploration, and predictive modelling