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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Visionary DevOps and Cloud Infrastructure Leader with experience architecting scalable, secure, and cost-efficient cloud solutions across fintech, e-commerce, and enterprise platforms. Proven track record of leading distributed teams, designing resilient CI/CD workflows, and implementing governance models to support compliance and security standards (PCI DSS, ISO 27001). Adept at multi-cloud deployments (Azure, AWS, Huawei, GCP), cloud cost control, container orchestration, and developer productivity enablement. Known for driving organizational transformation through Infrastructure as Code (IaC), DevSecOps practices, and high-impact automation initiatives.

CORE COMPETENCIES

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- TECHNICAL SKILLS: Cloud Platforms: Azure, AWS, Huawei Cloud, GCP, IaC & Config Mgmt: Terraform, ARM Templates, Pulumi, Ansible, Bicep, CI/CD Tools: GitHub Actions, Azure DevOps, Jenkins, Argo CD, Containers & Orchestration: Docker, Kubernetes, AKS, EKS, CCE, ECS, Monitoring: Grafana, Prometheus, ELK Stack, Loki, Messaging: Kafka (Confluent), Security Tools: HashiCorp Vault, CSI Secrets Store, Fortanix, Scripting & Automation: Bash, Python, Version Control: Git, GitHub, Bitbucket, Azure Devops Pipeline

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

9jaPay Dec 2023 - Present

Senior DevOps Engineer

Lagos, Nigeria

- Architected and operationalized cloud infrastructure across Azure, GCP, and Huawei Cloud, supporting mission-critical payment gateways and instant payment solutions.
- Implemented cloud cost controls including autoscaling, volume lifecycle policies, and reserved instance planning, resulting in >30% reduction in monthly spend.
- Led infrastructure strategy for PCI DSS-aligned environments, managing configuration drift and policy enforcement through IaC and version-controlled pipelines.
- Built secure, reusable Terraform modules and GitHub Actions workflows enabling rapid onboarding of new services and teams.
- Defined production readiness standards and deployment SLAs; reduced incident recovery time by 60% through alerting, dashboards, and runbooks.
- Managed technical onboarding and mentorship of junior DevOps staff; fostered cross-functional collaboration with development and QA teams.
- Integrated Kafka and Google Pub/Sub for messaging and event-driven microservice communication across distributed systems.
- Implemented automated security testing (SAST and DAST), enhancing application security and reducing vulnerabilities
- Led Implementation of Zero Trust architecture and Web Application Firewall (WAF) using Cloudflare to protect APIs and user-facing services.
- Led Configuration of secure cloud VPN connections to enable communication with third-party financial institutions and partners. (e.g-Interswitch Card Service and Core banking)

Canalis-HQ Aug 2024 - Present

Lead DevOps Engineer

Lead DevOps Engineer

Remote

- Led full lifecycle infrastructure delivery using Terraform and Kubernetes on Huawei Cloud and Azure; provisioned staging, QA, and production clusters.
- Designed and enforced GitOps practices using Argo CD and GitHub Actions, ensuring zero-downtime updates across microservices.
- Integrated CI/CD security gates and scanning tools into release pipelines to prevent vulnerabilities pre-deployment.
- Oversaw implementation of observability stack using Prometheus, Grafana, and Loki; introduced SLO-driven monitoring and service health scoring.
- Integrated Kafka and Google Pub/Sub for messaging and event-driven microservice communication across distributed systems.
- Implemented automated security testing (SAST and DAST) to enhance application security and reduce vulnerabilities in the development lifecycle
- Implemented Zero Trust architecture and Web Application Firewall (WAF) using Cloudflare to protect APIs and user-facing services.
- Configured secure cloud VPN connections to enable communication with third-party financial institutions and partners.

Combyn Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

• Led infrastructure automation strategy using Terraform and Ansible to support fast-paced product releases.

Remote

- Orchestrated deployment architecture on AWS ECS and integrated code quality tools (SonarQube, Jenkins) into the development lifecycle.
- Strengthened cloud network security with tiered VPC design, bastion hosts, and IAM policy governance.
- Implemented automated security testing (SAST and DAST), identifying vulnerabilities early and improving overall application security
- Implemented Zero Trust architecture and Web Application Firewall (WAF) using Cloudflare to protect APIs and user-facing services.

Olyvepay/Rabafast Sep 2023 - Jan 2024

DevOps Engineer Configured secure cloud VPN connections to enable communication with third-party financial institutions and partners.

- Built containerized microservices architecture using Docker and ECS; deployed CI/CD pipelines using Bitbucket Pipelines and IaC.
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- Strengthened cloud network security with tiered VPC design, bastion hosts, and IAM policy governance.
- Enabled high-availability logging and troubleshooting by integrating ELK stack and log alerting with SLAs.
- Implemented automated security testing (SAST and DAST)
- Implemented Zero Trust architecture and Web Application Firewall (WAF) using Cloudflare to protect APIs and user-facing services.
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Moni Africa Dec 2022 - 2023

DevOps Engineer

Remote

- Remote Drove 25% reduction in operating costs by introducing spot instances and schedule-based shutdown policies in AWS
- Automated deployment pipelines and secret rotation across environments using Ansible, Terraform, and Vault.
- Deployed Ansible playbooks to enforce secure VM patching and ensure consistent OS-level configurations across infrastructure
- Enforced RBAC and IAM access policies aligning with ISO 27001 and SOC 2 recommendations.
- Integrated Kafka for messaging and event-driven microservice communication across distributed systems.
- Orchestrated deployment architecture on AWS ECS and integrated code quality tools (SonarQube, Jenkins) into the development lifecycle.
- Implemented automated security testing (SAST and DAST), improving the detection of vulnerabilities in the development process
- Implemented Zero Trust architecture and Web Application Firewall (WAF) using Cloudflare to protect APIs and user-facing services.
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Skillhanger 2020 - 2022

DevOps Engineer

Remote

2015

- Designed an Azure infrastructure strategy that enhanced the reliability and scalability of edtech platforms
- Secured build artifacts and sensitive data through encryption tools like Azure Key Vault and Fortanix.
- Collaborated across development and QA to release resilient applications on schedule.
- Implemented automated security testing (SAST and DAST)
- Implemented Zero Trust architecture and Web Application Firewall (WAF) using Cloudflare to protect APIs and user-facing services.
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KEY PROJECTS & IMPACT

Multi-Cloud Infrastructure Deployment

Key Projects & Impact

 Created a modular, environment-agnostic Terraform solution to provision and manage infrastructure consistently across Azure, AWS, and Huawei Cloud.

Automated Database Migrations

Key Projects & Impact

- Designed GitHub Actions workflow that automated schema migrations with rollback and integrity validation, supporting zero-downtime releases.
- Migration of all applications and database from gcp(gke) to huawei cloud (cce)

Developer Enablement Tooling

Key Projects & Impact

Introduced developer-focused CLI tooling and service templates, reducing setup time for new microservices by 70%.

Centralized Secrets Management

Key Projects & Impact

Integrated AWS Secrets Manager, GCP Secret Manager, and Azure Key Vault into Kubernetes via CSI drivers.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Covenant University

B.Sc., Physics (Electronics & IT Applications)

• Achievements: designed and built an automatic gas leak detector shut off valve using adruino micro controller