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ABOUT ME

DevOps Lead | Cloud Architect

Seasoned and results-driven Cloud Architect | DevOps Lead with a hands-on approach to transforming DevOps-driven processes. Leveraging a blend of technical expertise and leadership skills, I thrive on optimizing workflows, fostering collaboration, and implementing cutting-edge technologies to drive delivery efficiency and innovation.

Main Toolset, Clouds and Methodologies I operate with:

- Methodologies: DevOps, Agile Family, OKR
- Cloud Platforms: AWS, Azure, Alibaba Cloud
- Containerization, Orchestration & Mesh: Docker, Kubernetes, KubeVirt, Istio
- Build tools and CI/CD²: Jenkins, ArgoCD, Github Actions, Azure DevOps
- Infrastructure as Code (IaC): Terraform, Pulumi (Go)
- Configuration Management: Ansible, Packer
- Monitoring and Logging: Datadog, Prometheus, ELK Stack
- Programming & Scripting: Go, Python, Nix, Bash

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cloud Architect

C.T.Co Ltd [Sep 2023 – May 2024]

City: Tbilisi | **Country:** Georgia | **Website:** <https://ctco.lv> | **Business or sector:** Information and communication

Achievements

- ADRs: • Cloudflare: Migration strategy for obsolete resources • Remote Docker Engines
- ADs: • CI/CD for Mission Critical Service • CI/CD for Mandatory Software Installations
- CI/CD: Mission Critical Service: converted semi-manual setup and deployment of critical production service to a fully automated pipeline that shrunk deployment time twice
- CI/CD: Mandatory Software Installations: refactored internal logic that installed mandatory software across all client accounts and their instances that resulted in up to 10 times faster execution

Main activities and responsibilities

- Designing and implementing Cloud Solutions for an Organization(s) based on well-known Cloud Adoption Frameworks
- Creating Architecture Decision Records (ADRs) and Architecture Designs (ADs) with their subsequent implementation
- Migration of deprecated and/or obsolete resources and services to a modern standards

Stack

- Alibaba Cloud • Azure DevOps • Terraform • Pulumi (Go) • Jsonnet • Cloudflare • Packer

Lead DevOps Software Engineer

Exadel Inc. [Oct 2021 – Sep 2023]

City: Tbilisi | Country: Georgia | Website: <https://exadel.com> | Business or sector: Information and communication

Achievements

- Implemented a unified deployment process for client services using ArgoCD, resulting in a significant reduction in deployment time from hours/days to approximately 7 minutes
- Established a unified provisioning process managed by Terraform for deploying a fully scalable infrastructure with Kubernetes at its core, leading to a substantial decrease in provisioning time from days/weeks to approximately 20 minutes
- Achieved a cost reduction of more than 35% compared to legacy infrastructure

Main activities and responsibilities

- Team of 4 • Dealing with Production incidents • Production Deployments
- Re-designing old and implementing modern CI/CD cycle
- Planning & implementing new Azure-based Cloud Architecture

Stack

- Azure • AWS • Kubernetes • Terraform • Github • ArgoCD • Jenkins • Datadog • OKTA

Skills Acquired

- Clouds:
 - Mastering AWS services: Cognito, Amplify, DynamoDB, CloudFront
 - Deep dive into Azure Cloud Service; Terraform for Azure
- CI/CD:
 - Github: Org, teams, initial Actions pipelines creation and management
 - Jenkins: created libraries, performed migration to declarative common template, instances unification, K8s agents enablement
 - ArgoCD: Switching CD to ArgoCD with App of Apps/ApplicationSet, setting up notifications
- Orchestration:
 - Rancher: clusters management, Rancher apps creation
 - K8s: Azure K8s: PoCs on MongoDB operator, ArgoCD: setup and management
- Monitoring: Datadog - setup of SSO, Custom Metrics, Monitors and Dashboards
- Storage and backups:
 - Rook storage
 - Velero – backup system setup and management for k8s clusters and its resources
- Networks: Wireguard VPN

Delivery Manager / DevOps Manager

Kyriba Engineering, LLC [May 2019 – Apr 2021]

City: Minsk | Country: Belarus | Website: <https://kyriba.com> | Business or sector: Information and communication

Achievements

- Implemented "Management Trinity" approach, fostering a culture of trust and predictability
- Streamlined team operations by reducing the number of Jira projects from 6 to just 2
- Introduced a rotation system for team members between project work and maintenance, effectively mitigating fatigue
- Transitioned from Kanban to Scrum, finally ScrumBan, showcasing optimal results in terms of a reliable delivery cycle
- Implemented Trunk Based Development and instituted proper Semantic versioning across all infrastructure team repositories, ensuring an always up-to-date state
- Replaced an overused shared Jenkins Instance with scalable, isolated Jenkins instances per-product team on a Kubernetes platform, eliminating contention for Jenkins queue and significantly enhancing workload stability

Main activities and responsibilities

- Team of 6 - Delivery Manager for Infrastructure Development Team
- Management trinity activities • Resources • Budgets
- Building Roadmap, S.M.A.R.T - Team & Personal goals for the team members
- Standardizing priority list & building up Scrum/ScrumBan procedures for the Team
- AWS: Acquiring full control over Minsk resources: utilization, tech & cost-cut procedures
- Re-designing and implementing modern CI/CD cycle across all Minsk teams

Stack

- AWS • Kubernetes • Docker • Helm • Terraform • TBD • Jenkins • ArgoCD • Jfrog • Prometheus • Atlassian Family

Skills Acquired

- Ensuring DevOps practices are set for the Infrastructure Development Team
- Deep dive into SOA/Microservice Architectures as a part of Monolith re-design
- Deep dive into TBD/Semver best practices for CI/CD
- Moving CI/CD process to Kubernetes Premises
- Mastering Kubernetes eco-system: implementing best practices & problem solving
- Creating & maintaining Helm charts, Helmfile hands-on experience
- Creating Jenkins Pipelines: Scripted/Declarative JenkinsFiles with Libraries Support
- Mastering Monitoring principles: Prometheus/Grafana/AlertManager (kube-prometheus-stack)
- Hands on experience with Jira Software, Bitbucket, JFrog artifactory, ArgoCD

Team Lead DevOps -> Delivery Manager -> Director of Infrastructure Squad

Workfusion Inc. [Sep 2017 – Mar 2019]

City: Minsk | Country: Belarus | Website: <https://www.workfusion.com> | Business or sector: Information and communication

Achievements

- Launched the "One on Ones" initiative, fostering a culture of trust within the team
- Implemented Scrum ceremonies, enhancing the predictability of increment deliveries
- Expanded the team from 3 to a total of 12 members
- Created unique Infrastructure provisioning framework using AWS CloudFormation and Ansible, leveraging the Jinja2 templating engine. This framework led to the creation of a self-service Jenkins pipeline, enabling the automated deployment of various service combinations required by teams. The previously manual provisioning process now takes approximately 20 minutes
- Led the migration of the product installer to Ansible, resulting in a threefold increase in deployment speed
- Standardized end-to-end Jenkins pipeline, enabling the automatic deployment of the entire product in less than an hour

Main activities and responsibilities

- Team of 12 - Delivery Manager for Infrastructure Squad (Spotify Engineering Culture)
- Team Lead DevOps Engineer for Infrastructure Squad
- Expanding DevOps Methodology & Best Practices across the team of professionals
- AWS: Acquiring full control over company's resources, security audit and cost-cut procedures
- Re-designing and implementing full CI/CD cycle across all Tribes
- Prioritizing & overseeing Ansible-based Product Installer development process
- Reviewing Monitoring/Analysis Solutions for Product needs

Stack

- AWS • AWS Cloudformation • Docker • Ansible • Jinja2 • ELK • Mesos

Skills Acquired

- Agile & Spotify Engineering Culture, LeSS framework adopted
- Defining OKRs properly
- Dived into Service Oriented/Microservice Architectures

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) CloudFormation expert usage
- Internal Framework being built to cover Company's requirements and policies
- Jinja2 (Ansible driven) expert usage
- Creating Jenkins Pipelines: Scripted/Declarative JenkinsFiles
- Log Aggregation stack: ELK
- Understanding Machine Learning principles
- Setting up and usage of Mesos framework with Marathon

Linux DevOps -> Team Lead DevOps

Issoft / Coherent Solutions [Oct 2015 – Sep 2017]

City: Minsk | Country: Belarus | Website: <https://www.coherentsolutions.com> | Business or sector: Information and communication

Main activities and responsibilities

- Team of 3 - Implementing DevOps best practices across multiple projects with cutting-edge technologies
- Cost-cut procedures on Cloud provisioned infrastructures
- Developing various Training Programs for DevOps newcomers

Stack

- AWS • Docker • Ansible • Bitbucket • Git • Jenkins • Bamboo • ELK • Datadog • PagerDuty

Skills Acquired

- Amazon Web Services (AWS):
 - Code Commit / Build / Deploy / Pipeline family
 - VPC, EC2, ECS, ECR, BeanStalk, EBS, S3 CloudFormation
 - IAM, KMS, CloudWatch, Lambda RDS, DynamoDB, Redshift, EMR
- Docker, DockerFile, Docker Compose (dive into Swarm and HA Docker Registry)
- Early Kubernetes
- Ansible ("Jinja'fied") Configuration Management Tool
- Bitbucket, GIT/Github, Jenkins, AWS Code Pipeline, Bamboo
- Atlassian Family: Jira, Confluence
- ELK stack, Datadog, PagerDuty
- Experience with MongoDB, PostgreSQL
- Improved Python scripting
- Basic MS Azure Cloud usage

Systems Integrator

Belhard Group [Apr 2013 – Oct 2015]

City: Minsk | Country: Belarus | Website: <https://www.belhard.com> | Business or sector: Information and communication

Main activities and responsibilities

- Linux Infrastructure Administration

Skills Acquired

- Hypervisors • Clouds • Backups • Monitoring • Bash • Python

Linux System Administrator

HostForWeb Inc [Feb 2011 – Apr 2013]

City: Minsk | Country: Belarus | Website: <https://www.hostforweb.com> | Business or sector: Information and communication

Main activities and responsibilities

- Monitoring and Reaction specialist
- Tech Support

Skills Acquired

- Linux • VMs • Virtualization • Hosting Provider principles and technology

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Professional

Amazon Web Services Training and Certification [9 May 2023 – 9 May 2026]

Website: <https://www.credly.com/badges/3a84cb2d-4f6a-4c64-8fb1-4065b823a321>

AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate

Amazon Web Services Training and Certification [Nov 2022 – Nov 2025]

Website: <https://www.credly.com/badges/3fd451b4-dd59-444d-8339-94f9d72de609>

Introduction to Microsoft Azure Cloud Services

Coursera [May 2022 – Current]

Website: <https://www.coursera.org/account/accomplishments/certificate/SMCVJK68GRU9>

DevOps Culture and Mindset

Coursera [Mar 2021 – Current]

Website: <https://www.coursera.org/verify/DVPZXRCH94W>

Red Hat Certified System Administrator - RHCSA

Redhat Inc. [Aug 2014 – Aug 2017]

Website: <https://rhtapps.redhat.com/verify?certId=140-152-760>

Faculty of Mechanics and Mathematics

Belarusian State University [2009 – 2013]

City: Minsk | Country: Belarus

Faculty of Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics

Lomonosov Moscow State University [2006 – 2009]

City: Moscow | Country: Russia

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Russian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1 **SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1**

Polish

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING B1

Italian

LISTENING A2 READING A2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

PROJECTS

[Apr 2021 – Current]

Lucky Doge HQ <https://ldhq.io>

Personal Blog dedicated to IT Tech & Management topics

[2010 – 2016]

leshcatlabs.net <https://leshcatlabs.net>

Notebook oriented source with forums, blog roll, extensive manual and ticket support

Developer of modified video drivers for AMD & Intel powered laptops