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ABOUT ME

I'm a DevOps Engineer with 4+ years of hands-on experience supporting, automating, and optimizing mission critical deployments in cloud services like Azure, leveraging configuration management tools, developing and maintaining CI/ CD and DevOps processes.

WORK EXPERIENCE

ZONE

DEVOPS SPECIALIST

Mar 2025 - Present

Lagos, Nigeria

- Built CI/CD pipelines for blockchain APIs and smart contracts, integrating Jira, Azure-Pipelines and custom tooling.
- Developed internal automation scripts with Bash and Python, significantly improving deployment speed and team efficiency.
- Managed system infrastructure for QA and development teams, ensuring reliable and consistent test environments.

ICE COMMERCIAL POWER

DEVOPS ENGINEER

Nov 2022 - Feb 2025

Lagos, Nigeria

- Designed and implemented the infrastructure for the Catalyst App using Terraform, Bash, Azure, and GitHub Actions, resulting in improved deployment speed and reliability
- Built and maintained a robust CI/CD pipeline for the Catalyst App, streamlining the process from project build to deployment.
- Delivered clean, readable, and reusable Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC) configurations with thorough documentation, enhancing team collaboration and code maintainability
- Ensured 99.8% application uptime by proactively managing infrastructure and applying security best practices.
- Reduced infrastructure costs by 20% through optimization and efficient resource allocation.

FREELANCER

DEVOPS ENGINEER

Mar 2021 - Sep 2022

Lagos, Nigeria

- Streamlined Azure deployments and developed CI/CD pipelines, reducing deployment time.
- Automated processes with cron, Python, and Bash, improving operational efficiency by 25%.
- Enhanced code readability and execution speed by containerizing client applications, reducing runtime issues by 40%.
- Built and managed Kubernetes workloads, ensuring scalability and consistent uptime for client environments.
- Implemented Datadog monitoring and alerting, improving issue detection and resolution speed.

HAMOYEAI LABS

DATA SCIENTIST INTERN

Jun 2020 - Dec 2020

Lagos, Nigeria

- Analyzed large datasets using SQL and Python, enabling data-driven decision-making for business solutions.
- Designed and trained supervised and unsupervised machine learning models, which improved predictive accuracy and business insights
- Developed and optimized Power BI dashboards, enhancing data visualization and reporting efficiency.
- Managed and maintained databases, ensuring data integrity and seamless integration with analytical tools.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Lagos State University

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- YORUBA (Mother tongue(s))
- ENGLISH (Listening: C2, Reading: C2, Spoken production: C2, Spoken interaction: C2, Writing: C2)

SKILLS

- Terraform, Ansible, Kubernetes, Docker, Jenkins, Azure and AWS, Python, Bash scripting, Agile Methodology, Grafana, Git, Prometheus

PROJECTS

Vintage Games Platform

- Built a platform hosting multiple games, including Tetris and 2048.
- Traffic is routed using Nginx ingress and load balancer controllers.
- Utilized Kustomize for environment-specific Kubernetes deployments and EKS for managed Kubernetes services, with Git Actions automating CI/CD workflows.

Fast Food App Monitoring & Alerting

- Developed a dockerized web application with a frontend and backend.
- Integrated Prometheus and Grafana for real-time monitoring and alerting, ensuring performance and reliability.
- Employed Docker Compose for efficient container orchestration and environment management.

AWS EKS API Gateway Integration

- Provisioned a complete API infrastructure using Terraform, AWS (EKS), and Python.
- Dockerized the flask API, deployed it on EKS as a Kubernetes deployment, Exposed it internally as LoadBalancer
- Integrated API Gateway (with VPC Link) and Lambda authorizer to secure endpoints.
- Automated deployment using GitHub Actions and ensured teardown/reprovision support

Jira Custom Deployment Tool

Zone

- Automated deployment triggers from Jira issue transitions, enabling seamless environment-specific pipeline execution based on custom workflow states.
- Implemented role-based access control, ensuring only authorized teams could trigger deployments to sensitive environments like staging or production.
- Mapped Jira issue metadata (e.g., version, team, environment) to Azure Pipeline variables, supporting dynamic deployment behaviors and validations.
- Integrated post-deployment feedback loop with Jira, updating issue status automatically upon success/failure and sending notifications to MS Teams.

PUBLICATIONS

- Improving your Deep Learning Model with Transfer Learning using Tensorflow Hub. 2021
- Scraping User Information On GitHub Using PyGithub. 2022
- Crafting Effective DevOps Pipelines. 2023
- Customising Kubernetes Resource Configurations with Kustomize. 2024

CERTIFICATION

- **CERTIFIED TERRAFORM ASSOCIATE:** Hashicorp