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Cloud Solutions Architect

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SUMMARY

Customer-focused Technical Architect at Morgan Stanley, with 20 years industry experience.
Demonstrated mastery in delivery of engineering solutions optimized for cost, reliability & security in financial services.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Cloud Solutions Architect (Azure Certified Expert)
Morgan Stanley, London
2009 - Present

Deliver strategic enterprise cloud-first infrastructure architecture with DevOps/SRE principles for automation & reliability

- Customer facing strategy, migrations, planning, advisory, technical project delivery & operations
- Hybrid cloud compute, networking, storage & observability (Splunk'ing since 2006, *nix since 1999)
- Previous roles as Cyber Security Analytics (SIEM) Architect, Application Delivery Platform Engineer & Linux Web Infrastructure Engineer. Led global Security Platform Engineering team for Secure Web Gateway proxies, FireEye, Bro/Zeek, Spring cloud api gateway, F5 Load Balancing & Akamai Cloud WAF/DDoS mitigation

Achievements:

Design, architecture, deployment & maintenance of production-scale highly-available distributed systems

- Built Azure's largest ever seen logging pipeline, 20M/eps from 20k Kubernetes pods. Saved $Millions over SaaS
- Fostered trust & collaboration with decision makers to influence roadmaps, e.g. Azure Monitor, ADX, Sentinel, EventHub
- Innovated & advised customers on tools & techniques, e.g. coded "RAINS" Splunk python app to ease AWS & Azure migrations via a single pane of glass giving cost savings for big data log analysis of 100TB+/daily
- Global team lead for the design, budget, build & operation of one of Splunk's largest state-of-the-art Enterprise Security (ES) SIEM deployments using IaaC Ansible for streamlined change management, to much customer accolade
- Facilitated security use cases cross-functionally to control threats, prioritize risks, automate compliance & cloud security posture management (guardrails, landing zones) using NIST guidelines and OWASP framework
- Communicated & shared knowledge via ADRs (Architectural Decision Records), blueprints, Sphinx/PlantUML/graphviz documentation-as-code, twiki & jive blogs 'The log of a logaholic, taming the logness monster'
- Proponent of life-long learning, mentoring, self-improvement & productivity, e.g. https://t.co/eBBzCCerHm

Technologies used:

`Migrations (Azure, AWS)` `DevOps, SRE, Agile` `IaaS, PaaS` `RedHat Ansible` `Proxies` `Productivity (OneNote, Teams, MindMaps)` `GitOps`

CTO/Co-Founder
Think Media, Kuala Lumpur
2008 - 2009

Launched a web start-up. Moved to Malaysia. Successfully pitched for venture capital funding to facilitate expansion & became number 1 property portal in Malaysia within 1 year (thinkproperty.my). Sold to a publicly listed company

Technologies used:

`LAMP (Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP)` `HTML/CSS, JavaScript` `SDLC` `Marketing, SEO` `Google AdWords & Analytics` `Remote teaming` `Finance`

Web Infrastructure Engineer & Support
Morgan Stanley, London
2003 - 2008

Technical project management, engineering, problem solving & operations of fault tolerant web hosting environments for Morgan Stanley's web platforms. Part of the team that built the platform for Google's IPO. Evaluation & deployment of infrastructure tools, e.g. during Splunk's infancy regularly met their CEO for direct input to product development

Technologies used:

`Apache Tomcat` `IIS` `ITIL` `Splunk` `Datacenters` `C, Perl, Java` `Linux DMZs` `Operations`

Technical Consultant & Pre-sales Engineer (Frankfurt)
Doubleclick (Google), London
2001 - 2003

On-site customer deployments & presales of DoubleClick AdServing Solutions. Multi-disciplined multi-cultural international consultant for disparate business & technical environments, 90% overseas travel (mostly Sweden, Germany, UAE & Russia) included troubleshooting, installs, training & project management (PRINCE2 certification)

Technologies used:

`PRINCE2` `DART` `HTML/CSS` `SQL Server, Oracle` `Netscape Iplanet, Apache` `BEA Weblogic` `Linux, Win Server`

Web Engineer/Graduate Trainee
JP Morgan (CSC Pinnacle Alliance), London
1999 - 2001

Design, engineer & support JP Morgan's intranet platform & websites. Consulting to establish design briefs with wireframing & prototyping. Support Unix systems monitoring tools & calendaring tools. Certifications in Solaris and AIX.

Technologies used:

`Solaris 8` `Lotus Notes` `HTML` `Unix AIX` `Boole & Babbage MAXM System Monitoring` `Unicenter TNG`

SKILLS & TOOLS

Infrastructure

CeH, CISSP (Certified)
Azure Solutions Architect (Certified Expert)
Linux Sys Admin
Python, BASH
Ansible, git, GitOps
Docker, Kubernetes (AKS)
F5 BigIP, Bluecoat ProxySG
Cloudflare, Akamai WAF/CDN

Observability

Splunk Architect (Certified)
Azure Monitor & Data Explorer
Fluent-bit, Eventhub, Kafka
DataDog, Splunk
Prometheus, Grafana
AWS FireLens/S3
Azure Sentinel SIEM & Log Analytics

Others

`Agile` `Kanban` `Scrum` `VSCode` `Vim` `Sphinx` `KQL, SPL` `Pagerduty` `Extrahop` `Wireshark` `Tcpdump` `DevOps, CI/CD`

EDUCATION

BSc (Hons) Economics
Brunel University London
+1yr work placements, Germany
1994 - 1998

GCSEs & A-Levels
Watford Boys Grammar School
1988 - 1994

INTERESTS

♥ **Health**
Kung Fu, Tai Chi
Yoga, Calisthenics
Biohacking

♥ **Hobbies**
Home Automation, DIY
Toastmasters (public speaking, leadership & presentations)
Conferences, Podcasts

♥ **Volunteering**
In-school teaching, Code Clubs
Charity work
Communities 1st Covid-19