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Site Reliability Engineer with **3+ years** of experience in building & maintaining resilient, scalable infrastructure in production environments. I am a **dedicated**, self-driven **geek** with a passion for **self-hosting** and a strong zeal for **open-source development**. I'd rather spend 4 hours writing a program to **automate** a task than spend 4 minutes doing it manually every day.

## Profiles

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## Skills

### Linux

SSH, Systemd, ZFS, LVM, Virtualization

### Platforms

AWS, GPC, Azure, Proxmox, On-Prem

### Networking

TCP/IP, DNS, DHCP, VLAN, VPN, Firewalls, Wireshark

### IaC

Nix, Terraform, NixOS

### Automation and Scripting Tools

Ansible, Bash, Python, Git, Jenkins

### Orchestration

Kubernetes, Docker, Helm, ArgoCD, Argo Workflows

### Monitoring

Grafana, Loki, Prometheus, ElasticSearch

### Other

Distributed Systems, Optimizations, Databases, Load Balancing, GitOps, Microservices, Logging, Alerting, Hadoop

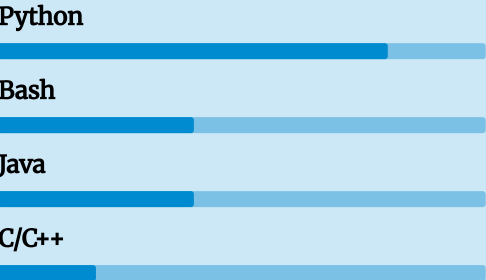
### Soft Skills

Communication, Problem-Solving, Collaboration, Flexibility, Critical Thinking, Eager to learn

## Hobbies

<b>Homelab</b>	<b>Reading</b>
self hosting, de-google	Astronomy, Psychology, Physics
<b>Badminton</b>	<b>Gaming</b>

## Languages



## Experience

### Health & Well-being Career break

March 2025 - Present

Well, emergencies don't knock on your door; they just barge in and announce, 'Time for a reset!' So, I've been rediscovering all the things I loved – like finally tackling that coding project I'd been putting off, tinkering with my Homelab & leveling up my favorite game.

### Tessell

Platform Engineer

Sept 2024 - Feb 2025

Bangalore, India

Led the architectural revamp of a monolithic **Python** backend codebase to a modular design, enhancing **scalability, maintainability, and platform flexibility**; enabling faster feature releases and quicker response to market demands.

- Refactored the monolithic codebase to modular architecture, reducing code complexity by **20%**.
- Designed and implemented a fully automated deployment pipeline for new database VMs across AWS & Azure using Argo Workflows and custom backend, reducing VM deployment time by **~80%** from **2 days to 4 hours**.
- Eliminated** developer dependency on our team for Database testing, fostering a self-service model and freeing up our team's capacity.
- Added seamless support for new cloud platforms, including successful deployments to Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI), reducing onboarding time by **25%**.
- Improved support for integration of new DB's, implemented checksum validation for data integrity, improving data accuracy and reducing error rates by **10%**.
- Automated cleanup of AWS/Azure zombie resources, saving **~5%** infra costs.

### Media.net

Site Reliability Engineer

July 2022 to July 2024

Bangalore, India

- Leveraged **Nix** and **Terraform** to scale existing Hadoop cluster, on GCP and On-prem datacenters, from **20 to 70** nodes; thus reducing deployment time by **80%**.
- Optimized disk read/write latencies from **20ms to under 1ms** for **HDFS** by fine-tuning various **ZFS** parameters; thus mitigating frequent latency spikes by **80%**.
- Led company-wide deployment of Zeppelin & Hue for **300** devs using **Nix, TF & SOPS**. Used Infrastructure as Code (IaC) methodologies for optimized deployment speed, reliability and secret management.
- Scaled Hadoop cluster by **30%** in capacity. Implemented resource pipelines to improve capacity planning by generating & aggregating team-specific data.
- Implemented **Jenkins CI/CD** pipelines to automate the deployment of **Conda** virtual environments on Hadoop cluster, resulting in **30%** reduced app deployment time.
- Proven on call proficiency in debugging live production issues during 24x7 **on-call rotations**. Ensured rapid resolution, minimizing downtime and enhancing system resilience. Proficiently conducted and authored detailed **RCA** reports.

### Media.net

Site Reliability Engineer Intern

January 2022 to July 2022

Mumbai, India

Conducted in-depth analysis of Java garbage collection times by analyzing GC logs from Hadoop cluster nodes. Fine-tuned GC parameters & optimized heap sizes, thus resulting in **10% improvement** of application performance and reduced memory consumption.

## Projects

### TerraNixLab (My Homelab)

2024 - Present

- Stateless, Immutable, Declarative deployment of my Proxmox-based Homelab. Used Terraform and Nix for provisioning of containers, VMs & DNS in Cloudflare & firewall.
- Reduced gaming latency by **50%** from **120ms to 55ms**, by carefully optimizing & tuning the network & OS; made **Remote gaming** viable over a distance of 2000km.
- Improved **security** and **performance** by isolating network & automated traffic routing of segregated networks through **VLANS** for different services.
- Created a comprehensive **documentation** for all homelab components and operational procedures/workings to ensure maintainability.
- Official maintainer** of Filebrowser package in Nixpkgs.

### DiskDoctor

2024

Developed a robust solution for reporting, monitoring and alerting of health degradation of 800 disks (SSDs, HDDs, and NVMe)s in a 200-node **Proxmox** cluster. Integrated **Proxmox & Cloudera** API's for seamless management of disk infrastructure.

### NebulaCrawler

2023 - 2024

A Kubernetes-driven local search engine where pods are used for autonomous crawling, pushing scraped webpages to Elasticsearch and URLs to Redis. Integrated Prometheus exporter SDK for monitoring and analysis of pertinent metrics.

## Education

### LNM Institute of Information Technology, Jaipur

B.Tech in Computer Science

August 2018 to May 2022

## Personal Pursuits

### PADI Open Water Scuba Diver

Jan 2024

Qualified to a depth of 18m, can dive anywhere in the world using my own scuba gear. Turns out, the ocean is way more entertaining. Who needs Netflix when you have a pufferfish looking perpetually surprised!

### Travelling Solo

2022 - 2024

Just me, my backpack and some wonderful nomads i met on the way. The result? A whole lot of unexpected discoveries and a perspective shift that's, let's just say, significant!

### Trek to Summit of Mt. Kedarkantha

12,500 ft at -10°C

Jan 2021

Survived -10 °C for 6 days! But hey, the view from the top was pretty spectacular.