STUART GLEASURE

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Microsoft Certified Azure Solutions Architect Expert (AZ-305 & AZ-104) and highly motivated IT professional with 3.5 years of experience at a leading Microsoft digital consultancy, and over 5 years in IT infrastructure and security. Proven capabilities at managing and optimizing IT infrastructure, providing exceptional technical support, and driving process improvements. Core competencies include advanced security operations using Microsoft Sentinel and Defender, comprehensive Intune administration for endpoint security and compliance, and driving infrastructure projects.

EXPERIENCE

SUPPORT ENGINEER - AZURE | M365 | INTUNE | SECURITY

Storm Technology | Dublin | February 2022 - Present

Currently operating as Internal Support function for a Microsoft digital consultancy company. Supporting hundreds of users & endpoints across Windows and mobile platforms, primarily using the Microsoft technology stack. Directly reporting to the Customer Success Practice director.

Cloud Infrastructure Management (Azure IaaS & PaaS):

- Deployed, configured, and manage Azure cloud resources, including Azure Virtual Machines, Windows 365 Cloud PCs, Azure Virtual Desktop, ensuring secure, scalable, and resilient laaS operations.

Security Operations & Incident Response:

- Led security incident management and response activities, utilising Microsoft Sentinel (SIEM) and Defender for Cloud for proactive threat detection, security alert triage, investigation (KQL queries), and remediation.
- Developed and implemented Attack Simulation Training campaigns (phishing, credential harvesting) to enhance user security awareness.

Endpoint Management & Security (Microsoft Intune):

- Managed and secured hundreds of corporate endpoints (Windows, mobile) using Microsoft Intune for MDM and MAM.
- Enforced endpoint compliance and configuration policies, deployed OS updates, and managed application lifecycles (Company Portal, SaaS, custom packaging) to maintain a high-security posture.
- Executed regular OS and application patching schedules via Intune, ensuring systems were protected against known vulnerabilities.

Identity & Access Management (Entra ID & Zero Trust):

- Administered Entra ID, including user lifecycle management, device registration, enterprise application integration, and license management.
- Managed Conditional Access policies and implemented Privileged Identity Management (PIM) to enforce Zero Trust security principles and role-based access control (RBAC).

M365 Administration & Security:

- Managed Exchange Online environment, including mail transport rules, message tracing, quarantine management, and DKIM configurations for secure email communications.
- Supported and secured other M365 services (SharePoint), ensuring optimal performance and security alignment.

Infrastructure Projects & Process Improvement:

- Planned and executed the migration of an on-premise password management solution (KeePass) to a cloud-based platform (1Password), including SSO integration, improving security and user productivity. Liaised with the 1Password vendor to ensure smooth transition and address technical requirements.

Networking & Connectivity:

 Monitored and maintained local network infrastructure, including Firewalls, Network Switches, and Managed Access Points, ensuring reliable and secure connectivity. Assembled and configured hot-desks and audio/video equipment for meeting rooms.

Technical Documentation & Support Escalation:

- Created and maintained detailed technical documentation, standard operating procedures, and user guides for core systems and processes.
- Acted as an escalation point for technical issues from service desk and other teams, ensuring timely resolution.

OFFICE ADMIN/IT SUPPORT

DGCS LTD | Castletroy Limerick | July 2016 - February 2022

- Providing IT support to a luxury housing developer.
- Duties included: Network management: router/firewall/switches/access points, cables.
- Asset management: desktops/laptops/printers etc.

CERTIFICATIONS

Azure Security Engineer Associate (AZ-500) Microsoft Certified July 2025

Designing Microsoft Azure Infrastructure Solutions (AZ-305) Microsoft Certified February 2025

Azure Administrator Associate (AZ-104) Microsoft Certified November 2024

EDUCATION

B.SC. (HONS) BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS University College Cork | 2007-2011

SKILLS

- Cloud Platforms: Azure IaaS/PaaS (VMs, VNETs, Storage, Azure Virtual Desktop, Windows 365, Dev Boxes), Microsoft 365 Suite
- Security Technologies: Microsoft Sentinel (SIEM, KQL), Microsoft Defender for Cloud/Endpoint, Zero Trust
 Architecture, Entra ID (Conditional Access, PIM, RBAC), Intune (MDM/MAM, Compliance/Configuration Policies,
 Autopilot), Attack Simulation, Privileged Endpoint Management
- Microsoft Stack: Exchange Online, SharePoint Online, Teams, PowerShell
- Infrastructure & Networking: Network Firewalls, Switches, Access Points, VPN Management, TCP/IP, DNS, DHCP
- Operating Systems: Windows Server (various), Windows 10/11
- IT Operations: Incident Management, Patch Management, Backup and Recovery, Technical Documentation
- DevOps & Automation: Azure DevOps (Site Collection Admin), ARM Templates, PowerShell/KQL for automation and querying
- Other Tools: PSAppDeployToolkit, ScappMan