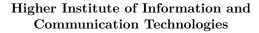


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Abstract

Cloud computing is a pay-per-use model that enables available, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or interaction from service providers. This cloud model promotes availability and includes five key features, three delivery models, and four deployment models. Other leading cloud models, such as Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud Platform Salesforce. I gathered some of the best quotes from the world of cloud computing and highly recommend you read them @ DevOps.yahya-abulhaj.dev/.

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Program And Opportunities:

Linedata's success, in my opinion, is dependent on innovation and creativity. Currently navigating great fields of technology and will continue to do so.

Software, We create modular software platforms that are cloud-based and highly scalable due to the continuous delivery of new functionalities and modules, and I played a significant role in this.

Analytics and data, our AI and ML-powered data management services enable our customers to structure and exploit the right data from multiple sources without redundancy or additional cost.

Services, in key operational functions, our highly skilled experts supplement our clients' teams, delivering results, resilience, scalability, and efficiency.

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WEEKLY OVERVIEW

WEEK 1											
DATE	DAYS	Activity									
13/06/2022	Monday	Introduction to asset management.									
14/06/2022	Tuesday	Setup VMS and deploy NGINX									
15/06/2022	Wednesday	Setup SQL server									
16/06/2022	Thursday	Store, organize, and process data as required									
17/06/2022	Friday	Configure a Load balancing Solution									
	WEEK 2:	Training									
DATE	DAYS	Activity									
20/06/2022	Monday	Fundamental Cloud Concepts for AWS Understanding AWS Core Services									
21/06/2022	Tuesday										
22/06/2022	Wednesday	Security and architecture on AWS									
23/06/2022	Thursday	Implement EC2, S3 and firewall									
24/06/2022	Friday	EXAM PREP: AZ-700 and AWS CCP									

WEEK 3											
DATE	DAYS	Activity									
27/06/2022	Monday	Configured Domain name server settings									
28/06/2022	Tuesday	Create and configure Vnet gateway									
29/06/2022	Wednesday	Passed Microsoft Certified: Azure Network Engineer Associate									
30/06/2022	Thursday	Provision Infrastructure with Terraform: EC2, AWS Lambda									
01/07/2022	Friday	Maintained a Kubernetes cluster kubectl									
WEEK 4											
DATE	DAYS	Activity									
04/07/2022	Monday	Writing specifications and documentation for the server-side features									
05/07/2022	Tuesday	Continuous deployment and continuous integration (CI/CD) management using Harness									
06/07/2022	Wednesday	Performance assessment and monitoring using Nagios									
07/07/2022	Thursday	Cloud deployment and management of the project									
08/07/2022	Friday	Assistance with DevOps culture adoption, closure.									

General Introduction

The impact of cloud computing on industry and end users cannot be overstated: the ubiquitous presence of software that runs on cloud networks has transformed many aspects of daily life. Startups and businesses can reduce costs and expand their offerings by leveraging cloud computing rather than purchasing and managing their own hardware and software. Independent developers now have the ability to launch globally accessible apps and online services. Researchers can now share and analyze data on previously unimaginable scales. **Furthermore**, internet users can quickly access software and storage in order to create, share, and store digital media in quantities that far exceed the computing capacity of their personal devices.

Despite the growing popularity of cloud computing, many people are unaware of its specifics. What is the cloud, how does it work, and what are the advantages for businesses, developers, researchers, governments, healthcare practitioners, and students?.

I had the opportunity to learn more about all of this as part of my internship. and I'll try to go into more detail in this report as best as i can.

0.1 Define The Cloud

Cloud computing is defined as follows by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a non-regulatory agency of the United States Department of Commerce with the mission of advancing innovation:

a model for providing ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or interaction from service providers

0.1.1 Brief History

Many aspects of cloud computing can be traced back to the 1950s, when universities and businesses rented out mainframe computer computation time. At the time, renting was one of the only ways to gain access to computing resources because computing technology was too large and expensive for individuals to own or manage. By the 1960s, computer scientists such as John McCarthy of Stanford University and J.C.R. Licklider of the United States Department of Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) were proposing ideas that foreshadowed some of the major features of cloud computing today, such as the concept of computing as a public utility and the possibility of a network of computers that would allow people to access data and programs from anywhere in the world.

0.1.2 First Steps

Cloud computing, on the other hand, did not become a mainstream reality or a popular term until the first decade of the twenty-first century. Cloud services such as Amazon's Elastic Compute (EC2) and Simple Storage Service (S3) in 2006, Heroku in 2007, Google Cloud Platform in 2008, Alibaba Cloud in 2009, Windows Azure (now Microsoft Azure) in 2010, IBM's SmartCloud in 2011, and DigitalOcean in 2011 were introduced during this decade. These services enabled existing businesses to reduce costs by migrating their in-house IT infrastructure to cloud-based resources, and they provided resources for independent developers and small developer teams to create and deploy apps. Cloud-based applications, also known as Software as a Service (SaaS). During this time period, also became popular. Unlike on-premise software, which users must physically install and maintain on their machines, SaaS increased application availability by allowing users to access them on demand from a variety of devices.

0.1.3 The Added Value

Some of these cloud-based applications, such as Google's productivity apps (Gmail, Drive, and Docs) and Microsoft 365 (a cloud-based version of the Microsoft Office Suite), were launched by the same companies that launched cloud infrastructure services, while others, such as Adobe Creative Cloud, were launched as cloud-based applications using cloud providers' services. Based on these cloud providers' novel opportunities, new SaaS products and businesses emerged, such as Netflix's streaming services in 2007, the music platform Spotify in 2008, the file-hosting service Dropbox in 2009, the video conferencing service Zoom in 2012, and the communication tool Slack in 2013. Cloud-based IT infrastructure and cloud-based applications are now popular among businesses and individual users alike, and their market share is expected to grow.

0.1.4 Thoughts...

Cloud is simply an umbrella term for any IT resource that a consumer accesses via the Internet. Instead of relying on local infrastructure, the end user outsources ready-made resources and accesses them online. I was always interested in cloud computing and had been dedicated to it for over a year. I managed to obtain 15 cloud certifications one after the other with one goal in mind. Vision.

As vendors provide more customizable options, I expect to see an increasing number of small and medium-sized businesses migrate to cloud options. And large corporations looking to cut costs will continue to shift data storage to the cloud.

The Experience

1.1 Internship Introduction

Cloud computing is a developing technology that has the potential to disrupt traditional IT systems. Cloud computing enables an organization's IT to be more flexible, save money, and process information and data more quickly than traditional IT. The issue, however, is the riskiness of this new technology.

Cloud computing is a new paradigm for hosting and delivering services over the Internet that has recently emerged. Cloud computing is appealing to business owners because it eliminates the need for users to plan ahead for provisioning and allows enterprises to start small and scale up only when service demand increases. Despite the fact that cloud computing provides enormous opportunities for the IT industry, cloud computing technology is still in its infancy, with many issues yet to be addressed.

Cloud computing has received a lot of attention in the current IT world. After the internet, cloud computing is said to be the next big thing in the computer world. Cloud computing is the use of the Internet for computer tasks, and it is envisioned as the next generation of IT architecture [1].

1.2 Motivation

I was a TECH fanatic. At the end of my first year of college, I discovered my passion for Microsoft Azure and began taking my first online class after another, as well as reading as many related articles as I could. My first cloud computing exam, the AZ-900, Azure Fundamentals, went well. The achievement had a significant impact on my life. And as time went on, I realized how potent this is. Despite the fact that I had no prior technical experience, this exam provided an excellent overview of everything related to Microsoft's vision and discussed the future of cloud computing. The most important points are as follows:

Scalability - Cloud computing is a highly scalable technology. We can use scalability to scale up and down our cloud resources. A cloud-based IT infrastructure is more versatile than a local, intranet-based infrastructure, particularly in terms of scalability.

Reliability - Cloud computing service providers offer consistent and dependable resources. They guarantee uptime of up to 99.99percent. They duplicate our resources and data and distribute them across multiple regions.

Virtualization - Because cloud-based IT infrastructure can be virtualized dislocated, startups are no longer required to consider the physical location of their IT infrastructure and data centers when making business decisions.

Affordability - Under traditional infrastructures, startups may not receive - or have the financial means to purchase - certain features that are frequently offered at substantial discounts to cloud computing customers. How do these advantages trickle down to startups and other small businesses? Because the marginal cost of many features (such as enhanced security) to the cloud computing provider may be very low (or even negligible), otherwise unaffordable services may be offered for free to startups using cloud computing options.

I wrote some of the great foundational cloud knowledge with the use of Microsoft Azure, you can consult it @ https://cloud.itzyahya.tech/A-AZ900.

1.3 Internship Objectives

The primary goal of this internship is to gain practical knowledge of cloud services and DevOps tools. Moreover, the main focus is on developing a highly available, cost-effective, fault-tolerant, scalable system and working on migrating on-premise infrastructure to the cloud. I had a great time discussing and applying the topics I'm most passionate about with colleagues from India and the United States. It felt great.

- 1: Core services of Amazon Web Services (AWS): IAM, VPC, S3, EC2, SNS...
- 2: Hands-on DevOps tools and technologies: Terraform, Ansible, Docker, Kubernetes...
- **3:** Gain the communication skill. I consider that a critical one.

1.4 Report Layout

- **Chapter 1** Describe the internship's introduction, motivation and, objectives.
- Chapter 2 Describe the daily tasks, technologies and activites i worked with.
- **Chapter 3** Describe part of the hands-on experience i had at the internship
- Chapter 4 Describe the knowledge I gained and my career goals

TASK PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

2.1 Daily Tasks and Activities

- Regularly Monitoring and capturing system log files.
- Regularly Monitoring and capturing data of server CPU, memory usage
- Regularly monitoring Filesystems space.
- Regularly monitoring capturing Network usage.
- Taking backup of Important filesystems.
- Maintaining documentation.
- Hands-on Labs with DevOps technologies.
- Contributions to the internal Linedata Repository.

2.2 Events

Meetings with international colleagues and sharing experiences were among the highlights of my trip. I remember every single thing that matters. Other than that, our organization hasn't held any significant events since I started working for Linedata. However, there were occasions when our QA team members were really busy because our customer assigned some extra work that wasn't related to our project.

2.3 Technologies Assigned

IT is challenging work, as my first intern predicted. I had fun extending my work ethics with several awesome technologies. I'll list below the critical technologies that help me succeed and achieve my goals.

2.3.1 Microsoft Azure

Linedata did not work with Microsoft Azure when I first joined, but that is not an excuse for not mentioning it in this report. Because of such a cloud provider, I am now able to interact with the other 2 cloud provider leaders as AWS and GCP, or any ready-to-configure user interface using the analogy. I still prefer Azure because it allows for easy mobility and a consistent platform between on-premise and public cloud environments. To improve usability and performance, Azure offers a broader range of hybrid connections such as virtual private networks (VPNs), caches, content delivery networks (CDNs), and ExpressRoute connections. I'm aware that these are the same in any other cloud, except with different branding. However, Microsoft has the leading enterprise suite, M365. Recognize the eco-system.

Touchpoint

In terms of technology, all clouds are extremely similar. As a result, if you have a solid foundation with one. You're all set. That's correct. I was able to experiment and pass exams from both azure and aws today, 10/06/2022, as well as going for GCP by the end of this year. I'm already stuffed with labs and ready to win.

2.3.2 Amazon Web Services

I joined linedata with 10 microsoft certifications Azure-Focused, but hearing that I'd be dealing with AWS was huge. After completing so much work on a single cloud, it is now time for me to expand that with the world's number one cloud provider. Things have been great and familiar once more. Different user interface, different command lines. But the passion remained the same. Linedata has provided me with access to a variety of leading platforms and technologies, including AWS. I had the opportunity to experience labs from both an administrator by network configuration, resource creation and a development standpoint using CSharp and AWS Lambda.

2.3.3 Virtualization(VMs), Containerization (Docker)

Before moving on to containers and Docker, I had a significant amount of fun experimenting with the virtual machine and interacting with the terminal via SSH and RDP. I wrote an article on the subject that delves deeper into these ideas here blog.yahya-abulhaj.dev/containers-docker-or-what-exactly-is-that.

2.3.4 Infrastructure as code: Terraform and Ansible

IaC refers to the management and provisioning of infrastructure through the use of code rather than a graphical user interface. The terminal can be used to automate the majority of cloud tasks. As a result, the combination of these technologies is extremely potent.

I also wrote something about this topic because it was relevant to my day job and saved me a lot of time. blog.yahya-abulhaj.dev/why-hashicorp-terraform-certification-resources

Labs Overview

3.1 Performed Labs

As part of this experience, I had a variety of hands-on labs for which I am grateful. The following are some of the practical learning experiences I've had.

- Connect to the company's internal repository hoster, to which I contributed code, documentation, and scripts.
- Implemented cloud service using AWS portal, AWS CLI, and other third-party applications.
- Performed with CI/CD pipelines using HARNESSIO.
- Work on Backend tasks such as database, APIs, and queries.
- Deep dive networking concepts and DNS, Firewall, and VPN gateway configuration
- In addition to networking, I've worked in cybersecurity, including sign-up encryption and secret management.

Because I was using the internal company computer, it's nearly impossible to include all of the labs I've had there. So I'll include some of what I've had below, and you can also look around my blog for more technical/lab documentation.

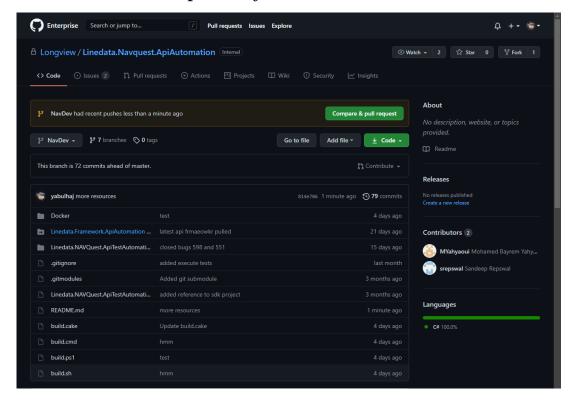
3.2 Internal Contribution

Linedata NavQuest is distributed through 7 internal repositories, both locally and in the cloud (GitHub). As part of my DevOps tasks, I worked on build automation.

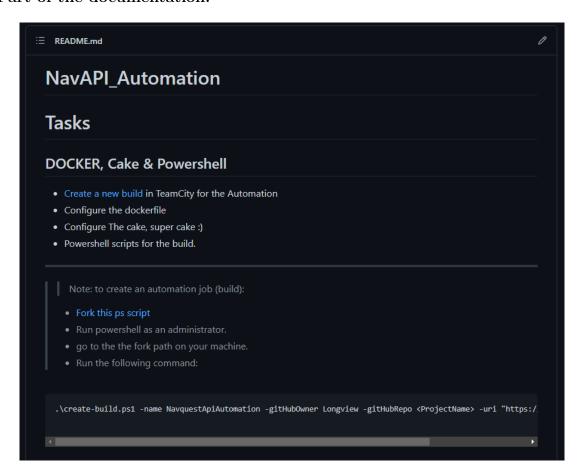
I had an added value to the Powershell, improve the build with CSharp, and push the build to TeamCity, the company's continuous integration tool.

- Contribution to the product's total of seven internal repositories: Docs, Scripts, Code, Configs.
- Managing the continuous integration process: Teamcity, GitHub, Docker, Powershell and terraform.
- In addition to using Harness, Ansible, and AWS to test the CD along with spending time documenting.

3.2.1 GitHub Repository

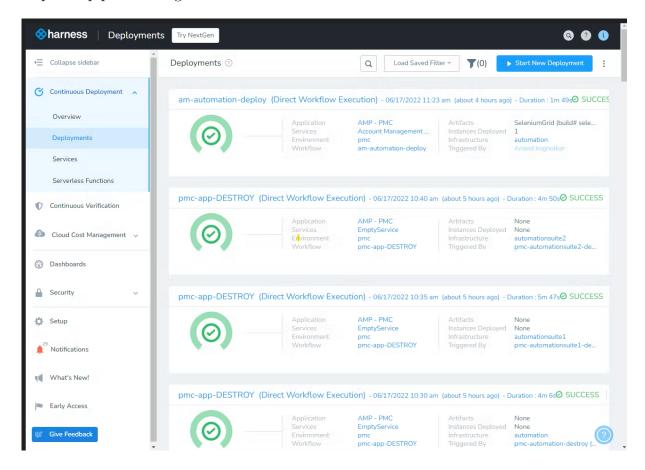


Part of the documentation:



3.2.2 HARNESSIO

Rather than real scripting, Harness uses a model to define your goals. Although you can use YAML within Harness, you do not need to write a script for the pipeline. The real advantage here is that you can simply select these steps, stages, and every component required for the configuration file using a user-friendly interface. I worked with colleagues to script the pipeline using the UI with HARNESS.



3.2.3 KUBERENETES

Linedata is built entirely on the powerful container orchestration tool kubernetes. As earlier described, containers and docker are critical components. K8s simply make it easier to manage a large number of them. I spent a considerable amount of time managing the clusters, which included the pods that ran the containerized apps.

Some of the tasks were as followed:

- Install and Set Up kubectl on Windows.
- Certificate Management with kubeadm.
- Upgrading Windows nodes.
- Migrate Docker Engine nodes from dockershim to cri-dockerd.

Expertise and Clever Strategy

4.1 Expertise Earned

During this internship, I learned a variety of new skills that will be useful in my future career.

- Apply Cloud Knowledge: AWS.
- How to create valuable software
- Capability in project management.
- Server installation and upkeep Automation of the system.
- Taking backup of Important filesystems.
- Cybersecurity
- Tools and technologies for DevOps

4.2 Clever Strategy

Cloud computing is expanding at a breakneck pace, and as a result, employer demand for cloud professionals has skyrocketed. I discovered the cloud, and it noticed me. Someone once said, "The hardest part is getting started; once you do, you become unstoppable," and this is so true. I'm keeping the momentum going, and my goal for the rest of the year is to pass the certification exams listed below.

- SC-100: Microsoft Cybersecurity Architect Expert.
- Google Cloud Platform: Associate Cloud Engineer.
- MS-720: Microsoft Teams Voice Engineer.
- AWS Solutions Architect Associate.

4.3 Reflections

Where did you work? What was your position

I was assigned the cloud migration topic for the project of my internship at Linedata. I can say that I did well, and that I got into the motion faster than people who had been enrolled for months.

What advice would you give to someone in your field?

You must be able to adapt to ever-changing technologies in this field. Because new cloud services are released every since. You must be patient. Take your time and continue to learn. The key is perseverance. You will figure out the work smartly the moment you reach that discipline.

What did you struggle with throughout your internship?

Transportation and a lack of funds, to be honest. I'm still perplexed with Tunisians companies, if they greet and welcomes you. It's your best bet. You must focus on learning if this is your best option. It's all that matters, right? However, we must consider compensating people for their efforts.

Why did you leave linedata when you could have spent the entire summer there?

Right, I was welcome to stay as long as I needed for my internship. But I was faster, and I came across another opportunity on the other side.

What tools did you use or learned to use?

A plethora of cloud services, devops tools, and server-side scripting.

What you think about your Future?

As an educated individual who is responsible for myself and my family, I give considerable thought to my future career. Not only me, but any person living in a civilized community thinks about his or her future.

What you think about success, Are you doing it?

What I can tell you is that I can see success, but I haven't arrived yet. I'd like to define success in this simple mathematical formula for myself. Success= Wealth + Health + Time. Additionally, I don't want to enjoy my life when I retire and run out of time. My ambition for the next 5-10 years is to create the formula.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE CAREER

4.4 CONCLUSION

Today's economic crisis affects everyone in the Tunisia, especially young adults who have just graduated from high school and are preparing for a life on their own. So the most important question for any young person is what they want to do with their lives. It is significant because if we make the wrong choices, we will waste our money, our time, and possibly our mental and physical health. However, we may not know whether the path we chose is the right one until later in life. Right now, I am confident in my decision to become a cloud obsessed.

However, in order to ensure the long-term success of Cloud Computing, the chapter addresses some significant challenges that the Cloud paradigm faces. User privacy, data security, data lock-in, availability, disaster recovery, performance, scalability, energy efficiency, and programmability are all issues that must be carefully addressed in future research.

4.5 Further Career

The demand for Cloud Computing professionals is expected to grow exponentially as more and more businesses implement this technology. I have a strong belief in my vision, and I intend to continue on my path to become the best I can be by utilizing these user-friendly services and adding value to the world. The cloud will undoubtedly provide me with the ability to accomplish things on a large scale.

Thank you for reading.