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A software engineer with a strong foundation in Computer Science, passionate about technology and nature alike, highly determined and resilient, as well as:

- 9+ years of total highly diverse technical experience and
- purely 6 years in DevOps and cloud technologies.

SKILLS

Programming and Scripting

Advanced



Python pytest

Unit Testing

Test Driven Development (TDD)

Bash AWS Lambda

AWS API Gateway

Infrastructure as Code (IaC)

Advanced

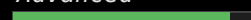


Terraform CloudFormation

Ansible Systems Manager

Continuous Integration/Deployment/Delivery (CI/CD)

Advanced



Jenkins GitHub Actions

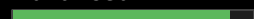
AWS CodeBuild

AWS CodeDeploy

AWS CodePipeline

Containerization

Advanced



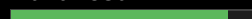
Docker Kubernetes

AWS Fargate AWS EKS

AWS ECS AWS ECR

Version Control Systems

Advanced



Git GitHub Enterprise

BitBucket Server GitLab

AWS CodeCommit

Monitoring, Logging and Alerting

Advanced



Datadog Splunk

AWS CloudWatch AWS X-Ray

AWS CloudTrail

Data Serialization

Advanced



YAML JSON

Documentation

Advanced



Markdown draw.io

Confluence Swagger

Database Administration (SQL & NoSQL)

Intermediate



MySQL DynamoDB AWS RDS

EDUCATION (2)

2009 – 2013

Bachelors Degree in Computer Science at Future Academy

2015 – 2018

Diploma in Computer Science at Suez Canal University

PUBLICATIONS

22 Jul 2021

Logging image scan findings from Amazon ECR in CloudWatch using an AWS Lambda function in AWS Containers Blog

- Wrote an AWS blog post where I have developed a solution about Logging image scan findings from ECR into CloudWatch using a Lambda Function on the official AWS Containers Blog.
- The blog post covers the importance of container security and how to automate the process of logging image scan findings from Amazon ECR into CloudWatch using an AWS Lambda function.
- Utilized AWS SDK for Python (Boto3) to interact with ECR and CloudWatch APIs, enabling seamless integration and data transfer.
- The solution provides a detailed guide on setting up the Lambda function, configuring the necessary permissions, and monitoring the logs in CloudWatch & it on the AWS Containers Blog to share the solution with the broader AWS community and provide insights into best practices for container security.

WORK EXPERIENCE (8)

Nov 2024 – Current

Senior Machine Learning (MLOps) Engineer at Workhuman

📍 Dublin, Ireland (Remote) 🔗 <https://workhuman.com/>

AWS Batch AWS Lambda Amazon SageMaker Amazon S3 Amazon Redshift Amazon RDS Python pytest Jenkins
Terraform GitLab CI Model Running ML Pipelines

- Owning, developing and maintaining automated ML pipelines for skills classification, soft skills labeling, and turnover calculations using Python and AWS Batch in collaboration with data scientists and product teams.
- Integrating diverse data sources consumption and outputs using Amazon Redshift, RDS, and S3 to streamline data ingestion for model runs, affecting better efficiency for owned models pipelines
- Managing infrastructure with Terraform and automated/refined new and existing deployment cycles with GitLab CI, incorporating interanlly-offered Snyk for vulnerability scanning, pytest for unit testing, Black for code formatting, and tflint for Terraform linting, enforcing policies and best practices; resulting in at least 40% faster development cycles as witnessed by the team's health metrics.
- Established a postmortem initiative to track any production issues that have a customer impact, ensuring the team pinpoints rootcauses and that the team learns from past incidents and implements preventive measures.
- Enhanced process efficiency through AWS Lambda integrations for ad hoc automation tasks.
- Providing mentoring 3 junior engineers and provided guidance and support to 2 senior peers for both technical and support and scheduled team workshops.

Sep 2023 – Oct 2024

Senior DevOps Engineer at Fidelity Investments

📍 Galway, Ireland (Remote) 🔗 <http://fidelity.com>

GitHub Enterprise Python pytest Jenkins Kubernetes EKS Terraform AWS Lambda API Integrations
CI/CD Pipelines AWS API Gateway

As a key member of the Source Code Management (SCM) platform team at Fidelity Investments, I manage and optimize GitHub Enterprise operations and integrations, driving efficiency and compliance across the organization. My contributions include:

- Developed Python-based automation solutions to streamline GitHub Enterprise maintenance and enforce company policies. I create reusable Python modules and conduct comprehensive code reviews to ensure adherence to best practices.
- Spearheaded the automation of integrations between GitHub Enterprise and internal services, collaborating closely with cross-functional teams to design and implement efficient API solutions, ensuring the secure management & compliance of source code repositories by implementing access controls and automating security scans within GitHub Enterprise.
- Designed and maintained CI/CD pipelines (Jenkins) for containerized applications, like Mend for code scanning, deployed on Kubernetes clusters, all of which was leveraged by Infrastructure as Code (IaC) tools like Terraform and OpenTofu to manage infrastructure deployment and scaling.
- Lead research and analysis efforts to enhance existing automation pipelines, identifying areas for refactoring or redesign. Collaborate with team members to deliver robust, scalable solutions to address evolving business needs.
- Actively contributed to continuous improvement initiatives by introducing automation best practices, like linting, unit testing (pytest), and CI/CD optimizations, resulting in faster development cycles and improved code quality.
- Implemented monitoring and alerting systems for GitHub Enterprise using tools like Datadog and Splunk; enabling early detection and swift resolution of issues, significantly reducing downtime.
- Played a key role in mentoring junior developers within the team, sharing knowledge through code reviews, workshops, and documentation, fostering a culture of learning and technical excellence.

Nov 2021 – Sep 2023

DevOps Engineer at 3M

📍 Dublin, Ireland (Remote) 🔗 <http://3m.com>

Docker Kubernetes GitHub Actions AWS Systems Manager Python AWS Lambda Terraform SonarQube
AWS Auto Scaling AWS CloudFormation

- Designed and built services for 3M's DevOps and internal development teams, utilizing Docker, Kubernetes, GitHub Actions, and AWS Systems Manager for CI/CD and configuration management.
- Automated essential jobs in development and deployment pipelines using Python, Bash, AWS Lambda, and participated in architectural designs to enhance infrastructure.
- Led documentation efforts using Confluence, creating usage guides with draw.io Markdown & README files, and contributed to GitHub Enterprise Server migration for internal development use.
- Used Terraform for infrastructure provisioning, enforced coding standards with SonarQube, and promoted high code quality and collaboration through GitHub for code reviews.

Sep 2019 – Nov 2021

Cloud DevOps Support Engineer at Amazon Web Services (AWS)

📍 Dublin, Ireland 🔗 <http://aws.com>

AWS CloudFormation EKS ECS CodeDeploy CodePipeline CodeBuild CodeArtifact CodeCommit AWS SDKs
AWS CLI Automation Services CI/CD Pipelines AWS Security Compliance Incident Management Mentoring
Technical Support

- Provided expert assistance to customers using AWS DevOps services such as CloudFormation, EKS (Elastic Kubernetes Services), ECS (Elastic Container Service), CodeDeploy, CodePipeline, CodeBuild, and CodeArtifact.
- Helped customers automate and design pipelines and tasks using AWS SDKs, CLI, CloudFormation, and other automation services.
- Identified, analyzed, and resolved complex technical issues related to AWS DevOps services and their integrations.
- Communicated effectively with customers to understand their challenges and provide clear, timely solutions & to optimize the performance and scalability of their CI/CD pipelines and infrastructure while following best practices and compliance requirements within DevOps workflows.
- Responded to and managed high-severity incidents, coordinating with multiple teams to ensure swift resolution.
- Work closely with AWS engineering and product teams to escalate issues and provide customer feedback for service improvements.
- Mentored new team members and provided technical guidance and support to help them succeed in their roles.

Oct 2018 – Aug 2019

DevOps Engineer at 04Egypt

📍 The GrEEK Campus, Cairo, Egypt 🔗 <https://www.linkedin.com/company/04egypt/>

GitHub Ansible Linux Node.js npm PM2 Jenkins CI/CD Test-Driven Development (TDD)

- Utilized GitHub for source control management and Ansible for automating the configuration of Linux environments tailored for the company's specific application needs.
- For the applications being based on Node, I've used npm for package management and PM2 for process management to streamline the build process, while Jenkins orchestrated automated testing and deployment workflows for different environments.
- Administered Jenkins pipelines to facilitate continuous integration and delivery, ensuring seamless updates and robust software delivery cycles.
- Diagnosed and resolved deployment and runtime issues with production software using Ansible for configuration fixes and PM2 for monitoring and process management.
- Integrated test-driven development (TDD) practices into the development workflow, ensuring high-quality code and efficient testing processes.

Sep 2016 – Sep 2018

Systems Administrator at American Section, Al-Manar Language School

📍 Al-Ismailia, Egypt 🔗 <https://www.almanarschools.net/>

School Information Management System (SIMS)

Python

Infrastructure Design

Network Design

Technical Support

IT Course Instruction

- Administered School Information Management System (SIMS) that enabled teachers, students and the administration to manage school data and resources efficiently.
- Wrote and maintained scripts using Python to automate system administration tasks.
- Participated in the school's infrastructure and network design.
- Taught IT course for IGCSE and American Section (International) students.
- Provided technical support to staff and students, troubleshooting hardware and software issues.

Sep 2015 – May 2017

Systems Administrator at Tarqeen

📍 Al-Ismailia, Egypt 🔗 <https://tarqeen.net/>

Laboratory Information System (LIS)

Linux

PHP

MySQL

Network Connectivity

SSL Certificates

System Maintenance

Performance Monitoring

Training

Technical Support

VLANs

Subnetting

Documentation

- Collaborated with developers, technicians, and stakeholders to ensure the Laboratory Information System (LIS) met technical and operational requirements, customizing the software for specific workflows.
- Installed and configured Linux servers, set up PHP environments with MySQL databases, and implemented security protocols including firewalls and SSL for secure LIS operation.
- Connected laboratory machines to the LIS, ensured accurate data transfer, and provided training and support to staff, creating guides to enhance system adoption and usability.
- Monitored system performance, performed updates, resolved issues, and documented configurations and procedures for compliance and future troubleshooting.

Jun 2015 – Sep 2015

Junior Network/Systems Administrator at Sinai University

📍 Al-Ismailia, Egypt 🔗 <https://www.almanarschools.net/>

Wireless Network Infrastructure

Access Points

WPA2 Security

Routers

Switches

VLANs

Inter-VLAN Routing

Network Monitoring

SNMP

Network Upgrades

Firmware Updates

Troubleshooting

Layer 1 Infrastructure

- Designed and deployed both wireless and wired network infrastructure for the university, configuring access points, routers, and switches while securing wireless communication with WPA2 protocols.
- Implemented VLANs and inter-VLAN routing to enhance network segmentation and efficiency across both wired and wireless networks.
- Monitored network performance using SNMP tools, resolved connectivity issues, and optimized traffic flow to ensure reliable and consistent network availability.
- Documented the implementation of Layer 1 infrastructure, including cable installation, patch panels, and racks, ensuring compliance with physical network standards.

CERTIFICATES

2021-07-01

AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate

AWS Training and Certification

🔗 <https://www.credly.com/badges/8f257fa1-3a5b-4896-bcc9-31df13efabe2>

2023-03-31

Terraform Associate

HashiCorp

🔗 <https://www.credly.com/badges/e6fc175d-4646-4d25-ab5f-64d18dc4dfe6>

2016-09-26

MCSE: Cloud Platform and Infrastructure – Certified 2016

Microsoft

🔗 <https://www.credly.com/badges/d5299c12-2e0b-4d99-bb1e-bccc0740e749>

2021-09-05

Python Core

Sololearn

🔗 <https://www.sololearn.com/Certificate/CT-8MNENPLF/png>

2014-05-13

Cisco Certified Network Associate Routing and Switching (CCNA Routing and Switching)

Cisco

🔗 <https://www.credly.com/badges/0e741573-c208-4bc0-976d-f60e8cb0f35a>

LANGUAGES

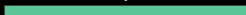
English

Fluent



Arabic

Native Speaker



PROJECTS (1)

GitHub API Python Wrapper

Sep 2024 – Current

🔗 <https://github.com/alsaedwy>

Python GitHub OpenAPI API Client Code Reusable

- Developed a Python wrapper for the GitHub API, leveraging OpenAPI descriptions to generate client code for interacting with GitHub services.
- Designed and implemented reusable Python modules for interacting with GitHub services, ensuring consistent and efficient API calls.
- Conducted comprehensive code reviews to ensure adherence to best practices and maintain high code quality standards.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to design and implement efficient API solutions, ensuring secure management and compliance of source code repositories.

VOLUNTEER

Feb 2023 – Feb 2023

Speaker at Cork|Sec

CorkSec is a monthly meetup (running since 2013) for anyone interested in Information Security in the Munster region (primarily Cork). It is modeled on the idea of a DefCon Group – In fact its got an official Defcon Group code of DC35321.

- [In this event](#), I spoke about the importance of container security and some of the best practices to keep containers safe.
- Alongside with a demo of some vulnerability scanning tools provided by AWS like ECR basic scanning and AWS Inspector.

Jan 2012 – Jan 2014

Media Coordinator – Head of Photography at Resala

Non-profit organization focused on caring for orphans; helping the blind, the deaf, and children with special needs; blood donations poverty alleviation; and literacy training.

- Document volunteering events; mainly convoys and multipleday volunteering trips.
- Lead a team of photographers and plan events coverage.
- Maintain documentation & lead video creation for every event.