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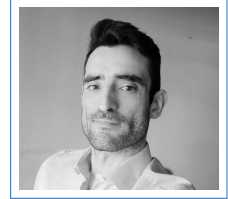
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Experience

- 2023–present **DevOps Engineer, cLabs Inc.**, San Francisco, USA.
- Manage the cLabs cloud infrastructure (Azure and GCP) and migrate the cLabs-owned infrastructure (Azure and Azure AD) to Mento spin off.
 - Install and manage the cLabs deployments based on Kubernetes (GKE and AKS). Integrate those deployments with the Akeyless.io Secrets Management Platform.
 - Develop and maintain a GitOps CI/CD approach for cLabs deployments using both push-based (Terraform, GitHub Actions) and pull-based (ArgoCD) GitOps.
 - Deploy the monitoring and logging stacks based on Prometheus, Promtail, Loki and Grafana Cloud with a GitOps approach (Terraform and GitHub Actions).
 - Automate the Helm charts lifecycle at cLabs (development, testing and publishing through GitHub Actions and GCP Artifact Registry).
- 2022–2023 **DevOps Engineer - Independent Contractor, cLabs Inc.**, San Francisco, USA.
As independent contractor at cLabs, my duties were very similar to those described above as full-time employee.
- 2022–2022 **Platform Engineer - Independent Contractor, Keyko GmbH**, Baar, Switzerland.
Operate and maintain the Keyko.io CELO blockchain validator and the Kubernetes-based (GKE) deployments (Helm) and infrastructure (AWS, GCP, Google Workspace) through GitOps (Terraform, Github Actions and ArgoCD). Deploy and configure the monitoring and logging stacks (Prometheus and Grafana Cloud).
- 2020–2022 **Platform Engineer, Empathy.co**, Gijón, Spain.
Manage the Empathy.co Kubernetes-based platform (EKS, GCP) and cloud infrastructure (AWS, GCP) through CI/CD (Github Actions, ArgoCD, Jenkins, Terraform as IaC). Deploy the monitoring and logging stacks (Prometheus, Alertmanager, Grafana, Fluent, Elasticsearch/Loki). Work on FinOps to analyze and optimize to the cloud costs at Empathy.co.
- 2018–2020 **DevOps and Software Engineer, StratioBD**, Pozuelo de Alarcón, Spain.
Develop the PaaS (DC/OS - Mesos based) installation tool (Python and Ansible), covering technologies such as Vault, Etcd, Zookeeper, Consul, Prometheus or Grafana.
- 2017–2018 **Support Technician, StratioBD**, Pozuelo de Alarcón, Spain.
Support and integration of StratioBD PaaS based on DC/OS (Mesos).
- 2012–2016 **Teaching Assistant, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)**, Trondheim, Norway.
25% of my Ph.D consisted of a teaching assistant position in networking-related courses.

Education

- 2012–2017 **Ph.D in Telematics**, *Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)*, Trondheim, Norway.
Thesis title: Modelling and Analyzing Cost-Effective Dependability in Passive Optical Networks.
[Link to diploma](#). [Link to defence presentation](#). [Link to abstract](#).
- 2006–2012 **Telecommunications Engineering (M.Sc.)**, *University of Valladolid (UVa)*, Valladolid, Spain.
Extraordinary End-of-Degree Award (“Premio extraordinario Fin de Carrera” in Spanish).
[Link to diploma](#).

Certifications

- Oct. 2023 Hashicorp Certified: Terraform Associate (003). Exp. Oct. 2025. [Link to credential](#).
- Feb. 2023 Microsoft Certified: Azure Fundamentals. No expiration. [Link to credential](#).
- Dec. 2022 Prometheus Certified Associate - PCA. Exp. Dec. 2025. [Link to credential](#).
- Sep. 2022 Certified Kubernetes Security Specialist - CKS. Exp. Sep. 2024. [Link to credential](#).
- Apr. 2022 Certified Kubernetes Administrator - CKA. Exp. Apr. 2025. [Link to credential](#).
- Feb. 2022 MongoDB Certified DBA Associate (C100DBA). No expiration. [Link to credential](#).
- Nov. 2021 Elasticsearch Certified Engineer. Exp. Nov. 2023. [Link to credential](#).
- Jul. 2021 AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Associate. Exp. Jul. 2024. [Link to credential](#).
- Jun. 2021 Google Cloud Associate Cloud Engineer. Exp. Jun. 2024. [Link to credential](#).
- Apr. 2021 AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner. Exp. Jul. 2024. [Link to credential](#).
- Mar. 2021 Certified Kubernetes Application Developer - CKAD. Exp. Mar. 2024. [Link to credential](#).
- Feb. 2021 Hashicorp Certified: Terraform Associate (002). Exp. Oct. 2023. [Link to credential](#).

Conferences

- Apr. 2022 WTF is SRE - Cloud FinOps and Sustainability on Kubernetes.
Ramiro Álvarez, César González and Álvaro Fernández.
[Link to talk video](#).
- May 2022 Cloud Native Rejekts - Cloud FinOps and Sustainability on Kubernetes.
Ramiro Álvarez, César González and Álvaro Fernández.
[Link to talk video](#).

Languages

Spanish Mother Tongue

English Advanced

Publications

A full list of my publications can be found at my LinkedIn profile. Pre-print copies can be provided upon request.