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Experience

2022-present **DevOps Engineer**, Keyko GmbH, Baar, Switzerland.

2020–2022 Platform Engineer, Empathy.co, Gijón, Spain.

- Install, manage and operate the Empathy.co platform based on Kubernetes (EKS and GKE) with Helm as a package manager.
- Manage the cloud infrastructure (AWS, GCP) through Terraform and Atlantis.
- Manage and configure several CI/CD technologies such as Github Actions, ArgoCD and Jenkins.
- Deploy, rightsize and configure the monitoring stack (Prometheus, Alertmanager, Grafana) and the logging stack (Fluent Bit, Fluentd, Elasticsearch/Loki) in Kubernetes.
- Also working in FinOps trying to analyze, optimize and bring visibility and accountability 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 courses mainly related to networking (architectures, performance and dependability).

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 2012 ("Premio extraordinario Fin de Carrera" in Spanish).

Link to diploma.

Certifications

- Feb. 2021 Hashicorp Certified: Terraform Associate. Expires Feb. 2023. Link to credential.
- Mar. 2021 Certified Kubernetes Application Developer CKAD. Expires Mar. 2024. Link to credential.
- Apr. 2021 AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner. Expires Jul. 2024. Link to credential.
- Jun. 2021 Google Cloud Associate Cloud Engineer. Expires Jun. 2023. Link to credential.
- Jul. 2021 AWS Certified Solutions Architect Associate. Expires Jul. 2024. Link to credential.
- Nov. 2021 Elasticsearch Certified Engineer. Expires Nov. 2023. Link to credential.
- Feb. 2022 MongoDB Certified DBA Associate (C100DBA). No expiration. Link to credential.
- Apr. 2022 Certified Kubernetes Administrator CKA. Expires Apr. 2025. Link to credential.

Languages

Spanish Mother Tongue

English Advanced

Selected Publications

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

Journal Á. Fernández and N. Stol, "Economic, dissatisfaction and reputation risks of hardware and software failures in PONs", IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, 2016. Link to publication.

Á. Fernández and N. Stol, "CAPEX and OPEX simulation study of cost-efficient protection mechanisms in passive optical networks", Optical Switching and Networking, 2015. Link to publication.

Conference Á. Fernández and N. Stol, "Managing software failures and capacity assignment to control interval availability in PONs", 8th International Workshop on Resilient Networks Design and Modeling, Sweden, 2016. Link to publication.