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Professional Summary

- Backend Developer with 24 years of experience in designing and developing robust systems using AWS cloud-native solutions, microservices and enterprise J2EE based solutions.
- Extensive expertise in cloud migration, including lift-and-shift, re-platforming, and re-architecting.
- Proficient in Spring Boot, JUnit, and high-quality software delivery practices.
- Certified AWS solutions architect professional, CKA, CKS and CKAD.
- Well experienced in container orchestration using Kubernetes (AWS EKS)
- Well experienced in designing and developing CI/CD solution using GitHub actions, Jenkins.
- Skilled in GitOps and Infrastructure as Code (IaC) using Argo CD, CloudFormation and Terraform.
- Experienced in mentoring team members, recruitment processes, and project estimation.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills within diverse teams.

Work Experience

- Worked as a Solutions architect at client location (Roche Diagnostics) from 3K Technologies LLC from April 2022 to Aug 2025.
- Worked as a freelance consultant with 3K Softech Pvt ltd, India for a client project (Roche diagnostics) from Jan 2019 to Mar 2022.
- Worked as a Solutions architect at Mobigraph India Pvt Ltd from June 2015 to Dec 2018.
- Worked as Sr software engineer at HP India from Nov 2003 to May 2015.

Certifications

- AWS Solutions Architect Professional
- AWS Solutions Architect Associate
- AWS Security Specialty
- Certified Kubernetes Administrator
- Certified Kubernetes Security

Key Competencies

- **Cloud-native microservices**: Expert in designing and developing secure, scalable, and responsive web applications leveraging modern, event-driven microservice architectures for high availability, fault tolerance, and agility.
- **AWS Platform**: Advanced proficiency with AWS services, including S3, SQS, SNS, EC2, EKS, CloudWatch, CloudTrail for delivering optimized cloud solutions.
- **Performance engineering**: Proven track record of reducing system latency, improving throughput, and optimizing cost efficiency.

Technical Skills

Programming Languages	Java, Scala, Golang
Frameworks	Spring Boot, Spring Cloud, Quarkus, Hibernate, Elastic Search
Microservices Architecture	Spring Boot, Spring Cloud, Quarkus
Amazon Web Services	EC2, S3, SQS, SNS, Event Bridge, Lambda, CloudWatch, CloudTrail, KMS, EKS, API gateway

APIs and Protocols	RESTful, GraphQL, OAuth, JWT, SAML, WebSocket		
Streaming & Messaging	Kafka, Kinesis, AMQP, MQTT		
Databases	NoSQL (Cassandra), RDBMS (PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQL Server, Oracle)		
Container Orchestration	Kubernetes, Docker Swarm		
Kubernetes configuration management tools	Helm, Kustomize		
IaC	CloudFormation, Terraform, OpenTofu		
Cloud native scaling tools	Karpenter, KEDA		
CI & CD	Jenkins, Github Actions, Argo CD		
Monitoring and Logging	Elastic Search, Kibana, Splunk, Prometheus, Grafana, Logstash, Datadog		
Testing Frameworks	Junit 5, Mockito, Rest Assured, Gatling		
Testing and Analysis Tools	Postman, JMeter, Locust, VisualVM, Wireshark		
Development methodologies	Agile/Scrum		

Professional Experience

Solutions Architect	3K Technologies, Milpitas, USA	Jan' 2019 - Aug 2025
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Navify Digital Pathology, Roche

- Led the design and migration of on-premises solutions to the cloud, employing rehosting, replatforming, and rearchitecting strategies.
- Performed microservices decomposition utilizing the stranger fig pattern.
- Engineered connectivity solution to integrate the existing image importer with the new architecture.
- Developed and implemented CI solutions for microservices build and deployment, leveraging Jenkins, GitHub Actions, and Helm packaging for Kubernetes manifests.
- Implemented scaling mechanism using KEDA scaled jobs for short lived batch jobs.
- Migrated from a node group based EKS deployment to node group less architecture using Karpenter.
- Containerized all microservice applications to facilitate streamlined deployment to the EKS environment.
- Enhanced developer onboarding by automating local development environments using Docker Compose and Tilt.
- Developed a Java-based installer for on-premises application provisioning.
- Served as a key liaison between engineering and product management teams.
- Provided mentorship and facilitated the onboarding of new development team members.
- Established various alerting mechanisms utilizing Splunk and Datadog.
- Designed and developed an onboarding lambda to be invoked by Jenkins pipeline for the purpose of onboarding a tenant.
- Created Jenkins pipelines for the Operations team to facilitate tenant onboarding and DICOM backend deployment for individual tenants.
- Implemented tenant-specific backup and recovery processes to meet RPO requirements.
- Developed a custom CRD to deploy the DICOM service for individual tenants.

Solutions Architect	Mobigraph Pvt limited, India	June 2015 - Dec 2018
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Qugo Messenger

- Oversaw the complete server backend, including infrastructure management, RESTful service support, and messaging infrastructure (MQTT).
- Directed a team to enhance a distributed ActiveMQ server, enabling active-active deployment by integrating Cassandra DB as the persistence layer in place of LevelDB.
- Developed a custom Akka-based pipeline for GIF image rendering that leverages GPU capabilities.

- Participated in the design of a secure credential store for safe storage of email addresses and passwords.
- Contributed to the coding, design, and development of multiple Java services.
- Worked on end-to-end automation for DevOps using Chef.

Backoffice (IHPS)

- Worked as lead developer
- Designed and implemented the reports web module using grails.
- Involved in coding, design and development of various java services
- Involved in establishing the data model for storing data from logged data

EDUCATION

Master of Technology in Software systems from BITS, Pilani

Bachelor of Technology in Chemical Engineering from Bharathidasan University, Tamil Nadu