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# Objective

To obtain a cloud engineering role, that will push me to expand my skills in both technical and non-technical aspects. Moreover, I would like to join a team that works together efficiently and communicates effectively.

# Profile

Motivated, personable, self-taught cloud professional with multiple certifications and credentials, as well as 2 years of experience building, designing, and deploying active projects and architectures in Microsoft Azure through the portal, scripting, and infrastructure as code. Talent for quickly mastering technology and concepts, always looking to become more knowledgeable and efficient at my craft in any and every way possible. Diplomatic and tactful with professionals and non-professionals at all levels.

# Flexible and versatile – able to maintain a sense of humor under pressure. Poised and competent under pressure. Thrives in deadline-driven environments. Excellent in team-oriented environments as well as individual work.

# Skills & abilities

* PowerShell scripting
* Bicep & ARM IaC deployments
* HTML CSS & Javascript
* Virtual networking design and deployment
* CI/CD with Github
* Problem solving
* Strong communication
* Leadership & Management
* Strong customer service

**Projects**

**Azure Resume Site**

A static website hosted in a $web container in an azure storage account that serves as my personal CV website. The name server records for the site are hosted on azure in a public DNS zone with a configured CDN profile. Integration of CI/CD with Github Actions to push all changes of the site to Azure and keep all files up to date. Site is active and can be viewed at [Brian Meinert's Personal Site (bmeinert.com)](https://www.bmeinert.com/).

**Scripting Azure Labs**

A collection of deployments of different architectures are deployed through a combination of PowerShell scripts and ARM templates. Deployments consist of resources such as VMs, vnets, user and group creation in Entra ID/Azure AD, virtual networks, connections, and vnet appliances. Github repository can be viewed at [bmeinert8/Powershell-Scripts: Powershell automation of different Azure study labs (github.com)](https://github.com/bmeinert8/Powershell-Scripts).

**Azure Automated Onboarder**

Created an Azure Logic App to automate the task of creating a new user in Microsoft Entra ID. Using logic app workflow, the app automatically creates a new user, adds them to a specified group with their proper permissions, and also sends an email to the user administrator to review and enable the account via and HTTP request which I trigger from thunder client in VSCode. The user creation is also secured through a key vault connector which grants managed identity role to use secrets in which the password is stored, being sure no access secrets are hard coded. I blogged in detail of the app at [Azure Automated Onboarding Project - DEV Community](https://dev.to/bmeinert8/azure-automated-onboarding-project-2jj4), and updating the key vault integration at [Updates to the Azure Onboarding App - DEV Community](https://dev.to/bmeinert8/updates-to-the-azure-onboarding-app-kj6).

**Inter-site Connectivity Architecture Deployment**

Designed a basic multi location network architecture connected through both local and global peering. Once created, deployment was enlisted as Bicep files through PowerShell. Proceeded to test network connections through network watcher connection trouble shoot. Credentials of the VM’s deployed in the virtual networks are locked down through key vault to ensure no exposure to potential malicious users. Repository for the project can be found at [bmeinert8/ImplementIntersiteConnectivityLab: Bicep Deployment for implementing intersite connectivity lab. (github.com)](https://github.com/bmeinert8/ImplementIntersiteConnectivityLab).

**Certifications & credentials**

* **Az 900 Azure Fundamentals**
  + Certification number: 9ENA66-DF7114
  + Received January 6, 2022
* **Az 104 Azure Administrator Associate**
  + Certification number: 88ACC0-1B3FC8
  + Received March 20, 2023
  + Renewed January 21,2024
* **Az 700 Azure Network Engineer Associate**
  + Certification number: 4107A7-Y3592B
  + Received May 18, 2023
* **Applied Skills Credential: Configure secure access to your workloads using Azure Networking**
  + Credential ID: 3E25346E9F297DB
  + Received November 13, 2023
* **Applied Skills Credential: Secure storage for Azure files and Azure blob storage**
  + Credential ID: 86885AB83B7E974B
  + Received November 7, 2023

# Experience

## Time Away for career change study/ Various delivery services August 2022 - Present

* Took time to focus on certification and accreditation studies in cloud computing.
* Work delivery services such as UberEats and DoorDash.
* Building cloud projects and cultivating skills in PowerShell scripting, IAC, Architecture design, CI/CD and deployments.

## Marc Glassman Inc. | Management 2011-2022

* Provide excellent customer service to both customers and vendors, in store and over the phone.
* Manage 8-10 hour shifts ranging from 2 to 6 co-workers.
* Provide detailed clear and professional communication to both upper management and store associates.
* Formulate and design department layout solutions to best drive sales.
* Inventory management, organization, and control of specific store departments.

**Anytime Fitness | Personal Trainer 2016-2019**

* Conduct 1 on 1 and group training sessions.
* Consult with clients on best possible fitness solutions based on client’s goals and abilities.
* Design, implement and troubleshoot solutions to adapt to fitness challenges in plans based on client’s goals, abilities, and progression.
* Detailed communication, documentation, and demonstration of plans, movements, and solutions to client.
* Sales of fitness plans to prospects of training.

**Anytime Fitness | Club Manager 2016-2019**

* Consult with prospects on potential gym memberships.
* Provide exceptional and professional customer service to members and prospects with questions and club needs, through email, over phone, and in person.
* Maintaining and organizing contracts, member, and prospect records.
* Maintaining a high standard of cleanliness in the club.
* In charge of member/prospect out reach, building/maintaining raport, and maintaining a high level of satisfaction with all club members.

# Education

## Lorain County Community College

Business, IT hardware, software, networking, and coding classes.

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