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Experienced leader coming from a background of Software Engineering, DevOps, SRE and Infrastructure. Born and raised in Sydney. Full time Foster Carer.

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SKILLS

CLOUD / CONTAINERS	AWS, GCP, Kubernetes
DEVOPS	Build, Test, Deploy, Strategy, Security
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING	C#, React, Nodejs, GoLang
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	Agile, Roadmaps, Strategy
ITSM	Vendor management, IT Support
OPS	Production support, SRE

EXPERIENCE

Head of Platform Feb 2021 - Jul 2021

Built multiple teams responsible for Cyber Security, ITSM, Test Automation and DevOps

- Hired multiple Cyber Security engineers and built the strategy
- Developed multiple individuals into leadership roles
- Built the ITSM team to inhouse I.T. Support
- Introduced multiple vendors to solve problems with Monitoring and Security
- Created the strategy for the next version of the AWS Infrastructure

Head of DevOps Feb 2019 - Feb 2021

Built multiple teams responsible for DevOps, AWS infrastructure and SRE

- Scaled up to 10 production Kubernetes clusters
- Built and hired the DevOps engineers
- Built and hired the SRE team
- Responsible for short, mid and long term strategy
- Transformed old environments to Kubernetes
- Introduced DataDog for monitoring and logging

DevOps Practice Lead Jul 2018 - Feb 2019

Lead a team of DevOps engineers and engaged with clients to deliver projects through to production

- Design and implement a bank grade network in AWS
- Production Kubernetes cluster using an Istio service mesh
- Designed and implement VPN strategy to access private networks and development environments
- Design and implement logging and monitoring strategies
- Design and implement CI/CD strategies

Senior DevOps Engineer / Senior Platform Engineer Jul 2018 - Apr 2018

Driving adoption of CI/CD for providing business value. Nurturing organisational transformation by leveraging proven processes and technologies.

- Design and implement CI/CD processes for a large Government project

Senior DevOps Engineer / Senior Platform Engineer Sep 2015 - Apr 2018

My DevOps journey started with implementing CI/CD practices for NetBank for Dev and Testing environments. I then transitioned into a new team who managed all CI/CD tooling and slowly enabled our development teams to implement their own build pipelines with improved productivity and self service capabilities. I was then moved into the Staging and Production deployment team where I work closely with Ops teams and help deploy parts of NetBank into AWS. Once that pattern hit maturity I moved into a full DevOps team which was implementing their own PAAS on Physical Infrastructure using Mesos and Docker.

- Built a PAAS which runs on over 600 servers
- Codified Bare Metal deployments
- Increased productivity for development teams using CI/CD practices
- Enabled teams to self service in various tools
- Trained numerous teams in CI/CD

Senior .NET Developer Apr 2014 - Sep 2015

Developed .NET Rest APIs to be consumed by CommBanks iOS and Android applications

- Delivered scheduled payments functionality for the CommBank iOS and Android applications

Senior .NET Developer Aug 2013 - Apr 2014

Worked on a private video web application like Netflix, which allowed customers to upload videos which then transcoded and distributed the content to their customers. ABC Kids

- Implemented distributed computing with scale out strategies
- Implemented CI/CD for test and production deployments
- Provide operations support

Senior .NET Developer Aug 2012 - Aug 2013

Full-stack .NET Developer building Umbraco CMS driven websites.

- Delivered websites that had over 1 million page views per month
- Provide operations support

Senior .NET Developer Jul 2010 - Aug 2012

Met with customers to delivery IT based services to help grow their businesses. This included CMS based websites and customised internal tools to reduce human error.

- Delivered multiple websites for small to medium sized companies.
- Provided after hours support.
- Run servers in Production for more then 5+ years

.NET Developer Mar 2010 - Jul 2010

Apart of a large development team (~30 people) building an internal tool named Quatro.

- Successfully delivering 3 core features
- Assisting Business Analysts (BA) with design decisions

.NET Developer Oct 2007 - Mar 2010

Created digital media websites for multiple companies include Real Insurance.

- Delivered over 8 fully customised CMS based web applications
- Performed mission-critical production support
- Full stack development

VOLUNTEERING

Key Assets

Foster carer Sep 2015 - Present

Full time foster parent

EDUCATION

Western Sydney University

Jan 2003 - Jan 2007

Bachelor Degree - Bachelor of Computer Science

INTERESTS

Physics

Chess

Payment industry