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IT Support & Technical Problem Solver — DevOps in Progress

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Professional Summary

IT support specialist transitioning toward DevOps engineering, with a background in workflow automation, Linux and Windows administration, and CI/CD pipelines. Skilled at diagnosing and resolving technical issues, scripting in Python/Bash, and documenting solutions for end users. Experienced in cross-team collaboration, ticketing (Jira), and process improvements that reduce errors and save time.

Core Skills

Infrastructure Linux, Windows, macOS; user/device management; permissions; basic shell administration

Networking Basic TCP/IP, VPN setup, file sharing, system permissions Automation Python, Bash; batch processing; error-reduction scripts

CI/CD Jenkins (job config, validation, multi-platform builds)

Tools Git, Perforce, Jira, Confluence, remote assistance

Support Troubleshooting H/W & S/W, clear documentation, empathetic communication

Professional Experience

Mar-Apr 2025 Technical Artist (Contract), Anuttacon via GoDemic, Remote

- Supported production teams by diagnosing and resolving technical issues across digital workflows
- o Created automation scripts (Python/Bash) to reduce repetitive tasks and improve processing speed
- o Incorporated user feedback to improve tool usability and reliability; wrote clear usage docs
- o Configured Jenkins jobs for validation/build steps, improving repeatability and reducing manual errors

Nov 2024–Mar

2025

Technical Animator (Contract), Hi-Rez Studios, Alpharetta, GA

O Provided technical support for asset integration, build reliability, and pipeline troubleshooting

- Built Python and MaxScript utilities to automate environment and setup processes
- O Partnered with engineering and content teams to resolve asset-related errors quickly

Aug 2023-Oct 2024

Associate Rigging Artist, Hi-Rez Studios, Alpharetta, GA

Troubleshot and resolved complex pipeline and compatibility issues across tools and platforms

- O Reduced processing time by 25% via custom scripting and workflow optimization
- O Coordinated with multiple teams to meet deadlines under fast-changing requirements

Technical Projects & Achievements

Process Automation & Error Reduction, Hi-Rez Studios

- Automated conversion pipelines, reducing manual work by 60% and asset-related bugs by 40%
- O Documented runbooks and failure modes; improved reproducibility and handoffs

GUI Tooling for Repeatable Processes, Internal Development

- O Designed GUI-driven tools that made complex workflows accessible to non-technical users
- o Impact: Shortened onboarding time and reduced senior-staff dependency

CI/CD Implementation, Anuttacon Contract

- o Configured Jenkins automation for validation and multi-platform builds; maintained a 99% success rate
- o Impact: Reduced manual QA time by 40%; increased deployment reliability

Education

May 2023

BFA, Animation and Game Design, *Cleveland Institute of Art*, Cleveland, OH Senior Project: Automated Rigging System for Game Characters