

# NORBERT OBIKWE

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Hiring Manager,

Inmarsat,

Canada.

Dear Manager,

This is my expression of interest for the Senior Cloud Engineer opportunity with Inmarsat.

I have six years of professional IT work experience. Have worked in different technical capacities as a .Net Developer, IT specialist and recently a Cloud engineer for an out of province and local software companies such as ZedIT (Vision33).

Over time, I developed more passion on Cloud computing and emerging technologies, especially on Azure Cloud technologies. For about a solid year and half (Contract ended due to the Covid situation) I was the principal Azure Cloud Engineer at Sony Pictures Entertainment, California USA. I Worked (Remotely) very closely with small but diverse teams (QA, Dev, Engineering and Operational). Supported the enterprise Cloud adoption initiatives and engagements.

While on Sony's team, played a major role in driving the client's Azure adoption and journey to Azure Cloud. Was solely responsible for hands-on development and management of Sony's Cloud infrastructure and services. These service ranges from; design, planning, development and management of Azure Infrastructure, Cloud threat protection initiatives, CI/CD Pipelines, IAC projects, Virtualization (Docker, Service Fabric, VMSS) to providing senior level technical expertise and driving platform continuous improvements through automations (ARM Template, PowerShell script, Runbook).

Very satisfied of my personal and team accomplishments while on this role. Cherished the fact that my technical expertise to the team and my various strategic Cloud implementations were key factors that contributed to the success of Sony Pictures Entertainment Azure's adoption.

Few mentions of my accomplishments include:

- The sole senior subject matter expertise for all Azure Cloud infrastructure and development within the client's Dev and Operational team. Established 'Azure Friday's'; an Azure knowledge sharing initiative across the technical team.
- Azure DevOps Expert, Administrator Associate and Security Engineer Certified.

- Increased client's Cloud resources and services to 99.99% Up-time and easy of management through automations and best practice development initiatives.
- Streamlined resource codes and infrastructure deployments through linear Pipeline orchestration with YAML. Improved Applications release & certificate managements.
- Delivered work product within established SLA. Collaborated with small teams.

Having worked on related Cloud projects and in addition to my constant learning on current Cloud and Azure practices as demonstrated by my industry certifications, I am confident I have the experience, skills and leadership poise as demanded for this role. Very confident I would be very effective and contribute positively to the Group IT team and Inmarsat enterprise.

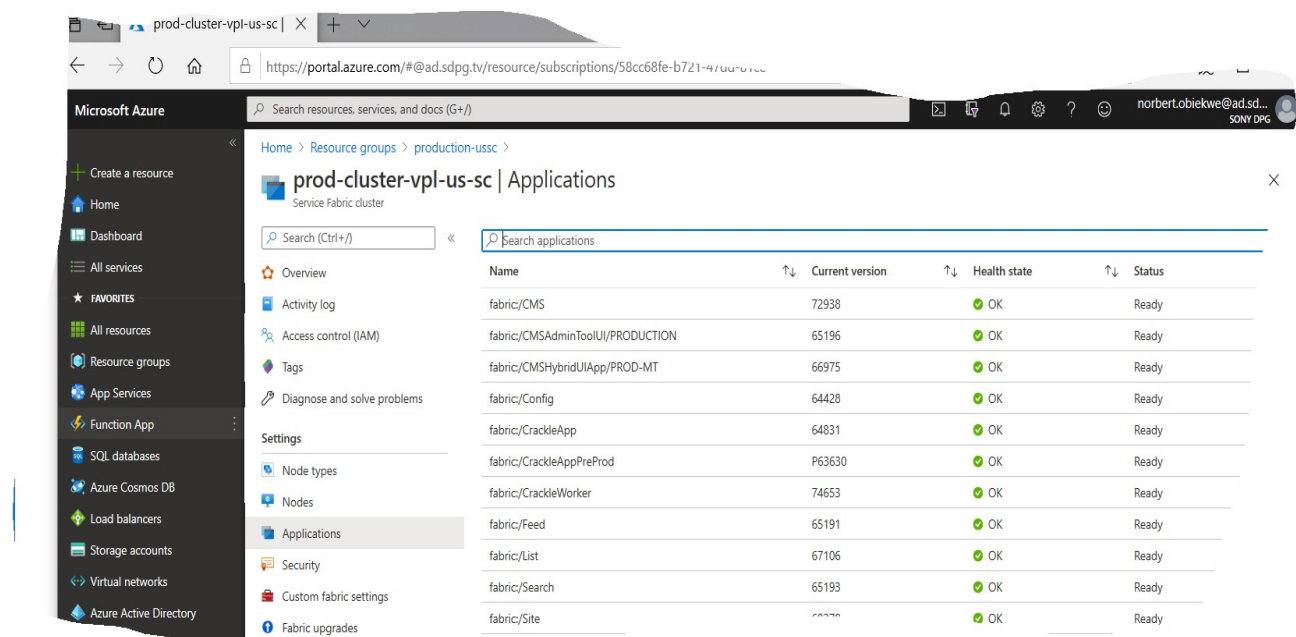
My immediate manager, Jake Garcia ([jake\\_garcia@spe.sony.com](mailto:jake_garcia@spe.sony.com)) can attest to my Azure skills, performance and capabilities.

Looking forward to discussing details about this opportunity. I can be reached by email [norbertobiekwe@yahoo.ca](mailto:norbertobiekwe@yahoo.ca) or by cell phone; **7097400913**.

Sincerely,

**Norbert Obiekwe.**

Here is shot from my Account on Sony DPG Azure environment.



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## Work Experience:

**Principal Azure Infrastructure | DevOps Engineer.**

**Feb 2019 – July 2020**

REDspace Inc., (Solely contracted out to Sony Pictures Entertainment, CA.)

Bedford, Nova Scotia, Canada.

## Responsibilities:

- Lead the design, implementation and best practice management of various Azure services.
- Used ARMTemplate, Azure portal, Visual Studio, GIT, Jira, Confluence, Azure DevOps Suite, PowerShell, Runbook, Event hubs, etc. for various automation and build initiatives.
- Strongly involved with the plan and hands-on implementation of enterprise cloud integrations, Cloud security/compliance projects, Network systems, data centre management's and consolidation efforts in a fast project turn over DevOps environment.
- Improved infrastructure performance, availability, access controls measures & application deployments to endpoints through pro-active management & monitoring using PowerShell scripts, Azure Pipeline, Azure Monitor, Alert rules, Action groups and Azure AD.
- Supported Windows Servers. Diagnosed & resolved complex application & orchestration issues (Service Fabric Cluster in Linux and Window VMs). Utilized Azure log analytics.
- Provided technical recommendation and Cloud process improvements on Cloud services capabilities within Azure Ops and DevOps practices. Supported ongoing maintenance of enterprise Cloud legacy systems and servers.
- Collaborated with different stakeholders to meet project objectives. Maintained documentations using Confluence. Participated in escalation triage for deployment issues to live Production environment.
- Constantly studying and learning of current approaches and best practices for Azure|DevOps and Cloud operations. Attended the DevOps Enterprise Summit, Las Vegas, October 2019 and Microsoft Build, 2020 (Virtual). Attends various virtual Azure|DevOps webinars. Maintain my own DevOps blog at <https://medium.com/@norbertobi>.

**Second Lieutenant | Signal Officer.****May 2019 - present**

37 Signal Regiment, Newfoundland,

Canadian Armed Forces Reserves.

**Duties:**

As an Army Signal Officer and the second in command to the units Troop's command, I'm on a leadership position responsible for the planning, and execution of Regiment level exercises.

I work with security conscious command support equipment and systems that include:

- Purpose-designed, computer-based information systems that assist with battlefield command and control, reconnaissance and surveillance, and target acquisition.
- The full spectrum of radio systems.
- Electronic warfare capabilities.
- Cyber warfare capabilities.
- Cryptographic and communications- security capabilities.

**Technical Support Specialist****September 2017 -2019**

Alpine Access,

Canada.

**Duties:**

- Delivered technical services to end-users in a fast- paced contact center environment. Gained experience on efficient client services, network protocols and system integrations.
- Provided system security diagnosis and resolved issues in timely manner within SLA.
- Improved client's references through proper case documentations.
- Increased business sales and gained promoters through quality technical support, maintaining excellent communication and interpersonal skills to clients.
- Participated in process improvement initiatives encompassing business development initiatives.

**.NET Developer****October 2015 – 2017**

Vision33,

St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

**Duties:**

- Took ownership of various SAP Application integrations and implementations.
- Developed and supported applications notably SAP Add-ons, zed Interconnect with SAP Business ONE and zed Web Portal systems. Utilized .NET techs, SQL and SAP APIs.
- Accomplished development assignments using C#, Visual Studio, GIT, Azure services (VSTS, O365, AWS Virtual Machines instances).
- Collaborated with clients, solution architects, QA's and delivery managers to understand projects and deliver end products within SLA.
- Monitored Application service levels and identified opportunities for improvement.

**IT Specialist & Programmer****April 2014- Oct 2015**

Canatec Associates International Ltd.

St. John's Newfoundland, Canada.

**Duties:**

- Part of team that implemented a redundant Search and Rescue decision-making system in C++, PostgreSQL and AWS services. Supported enterprise project initiatives.
- Participated in projects and business operational activities. Interviewed client (Cougar Helicopters). Analyzed, documented requirements to support project objectives.
- Maintained enterprise on demand website to ensure effective business operations and client's access to enterprise Application portal.
- Lead the design, planning & administration of a reliable, secured Network & Internet system in employer's new office location. Acted as an ad hoc Network engineer.
- Provided Desktop support to team of 7 engineers, VP's and stakeholders.
- Ensured reliable and efficient operations of Network, services in the office through proactive Network management's and administration. Set up system backups, managed system security and on premise Computer Network infrastructure.

# Education & Training

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## **Master of Science, Computer Science.**

2011 - 2013

- Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

## **Bachelor of Information Technology with Honours.**

2007 - 2011

- Northern University of Malaysia.

## **Microsoft Learning Academy.**

2018 - Present

- Microsoft Azure|DevOps and Cloud Services.

## **Certifications:**

2019 – Present

- Microsoft certified: Azure Security Engineer Associate
- Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate
- Microsoft Certified DevOps Engineer Expert.

## **Awards:**

**Dean's List Award, 3 semesters in a roll. (GPA above 3.5/4 for the Semester).**

## **Links:**

- **Certifications:** <https://www.youracclaim.com/users/obiekwe/badges>
- **My Blog:** <https://medium.com/@norbertobi>
- **My GitHub:** <https://github.com/cloudguydev>
- **Link to my Certifications & Learning:**

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