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*No solutions just trade-offs*

## Tech skills

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I enjoy solving problems with passionate peers. Skilled in **Linux**, **AWS**, and **GCP**, using **SDKs** and **Terraform**. Experienced with **Containerization**, **Kubernetes**, and **Podman**. Proficient in **Golang** and **Python**, with a growing interest in **Software Architecture** like **DDD** and **Clean Architecture**.

## Work Experience

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### Okta

Barcelona, Spain

CLOUD SECURITY ENGINEER

Apr. 2024 - Present

- Supporting the team in hardening and securing our platform to the highest industry standards.

### N26

Barcelona, Spain

CLOUD SECURITY ENGINEERING IV

Apr. 2023 - Apr 2024

- Worked on the design and implementation of our in-house vulnerability management tool using software architecture principles. Tenable, Django, Postgress and Jira.
- Continue to support SOC team by developing solutions around their SIEM to enrich logs, and enhanced performace of our log collection time. Developed ad-hoc solution to enhance and ship logs into Google's SIEM Chronicle

CLOUD SECURITY ENGINEERING III

Oct. 2021 - Apr. 2023

- Lead the migration of N26's SIEM system based on the ELK stack to AWS managed services like ECS and Opensearch, resulting in a significant reduction in maintenance. Simultaneously, established application metrics such as SLA, SLI, and SLO, and implemented supplementary monitoring systems alongside self-remediation strategies and automations. Which reduced friction with our stakeholders and drastically improved our MTTR.
- Developed Philips, a system which keeps track of IP ownership across teams, services, and AWS resources along with corresponding timeframes, a tool used to help subsequent forensic analyses. For this tool I used Python, DynamoDB and MSK (Kafka). Aspect as unit testing, and a mindful approach towards the system's extensibility was taken into account during it's development, embracing elements from Domain Driven Design and Plugin Architecture.

### Mercadolibre

Argentina

SR. CLOUD SECURITY ENGINEERING

Jul. 2021 - Oct. 2021

- Within a group of two people we built POLP Fiction, a tool that aims to apply the principle of least privilege on AWS IAM Customer managed Policies, Users and Roles. The project managed to reduced the attack surface on more than 200 AWS identifying and mitigating security concerns such as privilege escalation, confused deputy problem and least privilege. We made the Policy inventory open source <https://github.com/mercadolibre/polp-fiction-metrics>

SSR. CLOUD SECURITY ENGINEERING

Nov. 2019 - Jul. 2021

- In partnership with another engineer, I participated in Mercadolibre's Patch Management solution, A project that using Lambda, AWS Config, and Systems Manager handles the patching of +50k EC2 and compute instances on AWS and GCP respectively across around +5 different Linux distributions.
- As one of my biggest duties in the patch management initiative, I created a tool that leverages on Google's IAP (GCP Identity Aware Proxy) and Ansible to install the AWS SSM agent on any GCP instance, making the patching solution multi-cloud and centrally managed.

### Edrans

Argentina - USA

SITE RELIABILITY ENGINEER

Jun. 2018 - Nov. 2019

Worked as a contractor mainly for e-commerces Zappos and OLX in which I:

- Developed a full Serverless incident response tool with 3 fully composable and reusable Microservices/APIs using Python and NodeJS in AWS. Tooling which was later on used by Zappos Incident response team.
- Solved several IaC issues with Terraform and CloudFormation in AWS and automate a handful of procedures using Docker, Lambda and more native AWS services
- Deploy containerized monitoring stacks such as as Nagios, TIG (Telegraf, InfluxDB, and Grafana)

- As part of my internship at Toyota, I administered Active Directory, MySQL and Windows Servers as well as massive software installation procedures with InvGate software.
- For the most part I learned a lot about The Toyota way, TPS, Toyotas Kaizen circle for continuous improvement and several fascinating data driven methodologies that Toyota's applies to achieve outstanding results.

## Personal projects

### Codelamp

#### FREELANCE DEVELOPER

A personal project which started with some University colleagues, where we dealt with most aspects of software development, from writing a functional brief to designing, coding, selling and maintaining a solution, where I worked as:

- Fullstack developer of a CMS application from scratch that merges all of the activities performed in AntiplagaNorte into a single app, generating useful data and dealing with a complicated domain logic. For this project I used PHP, Laravel and MySQL.
- Backend developer for a logistic platform that tracks real time GPS data of trucks using PHP and Fatfree framework.
- Deployed and maintained Kubernetes clusters on AWS EKS using Terraform, integrating it with other cloud-native solutions for scalability and reliability.
- Sysadmin for open source implementations like WordPress, OpenCart, etc., deployed on both AWS and on-premises infrastructure.

#### DNS TCP/UDP

[contre95/dns-tls-proxy](#)

A DNS proxy with on external dependencies that listens UDP/TCP traffic and redirect the request to a DNS over TLS resolver.

#### CONTROTTO

[contre95/controtto](#)

Self-hosted, Portfolio tracker for Forex, Crypto and Stocks

#### EXPENSES TRACKER

[contre95/expenses-app](#)

Been keeping track of my expenses with my own tooling for more than 2 years now.

#### MORE +

[github.com/contre95](#)

I have some more project private which I would love to discuss !