

# **Cloud Ops Pivot Plan (Flexible & Exploratory Edition)**

Core Philosophy: Build cloud instincts, not checkboxes. Rotate through skill pillars weekly.

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## **The Four Rotating Skill Pillars**

- Linux – operate comfortably inside a server
  - Networking – understand how traffic flows
  - AWS Hands-On – build and break real infrastructure
  - Automation – reduce manual work with scripts
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## **Weekly Exploration Model (No Rigid Phases)**

- Session 1: Linux practice (services, logs, users, permissions)
  - Session 2: AWS lab (from book or custom build)
  - Session 3: Networking drill (VPCs, CIDR, security groups)
  - Session 4: Light automation (Python or AWS CLI scripting)
  - Consistency > intensity (3–4 sessions per week)
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## **Exploration Rules**

- If something confuses you, follow that rabbit hole briefly
  - Break things intentionally, then fix them
  - Always clean up resources to avoid costs
  - Write short reflection notes after each lab
  - Avoid chasing every AWS service
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## **Long-Term Outcome (What You're Building)**

- Linux troubleshooting confidence
- Networking intuition
- IAM reasoning clarity
- Infrastructure thinking
- Deployment discipline
- Calm debugging mindset

Reminder: You are stacking skill layers. Not racing to complete phases.