

Donovan Ellison

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SKILLS

Programming: Go, Python, CSS, HTML, and JavaScript

Technologies: Ansible, AWS, GCP, Kubernetes, Terraform, Jira, and Jenkins

Certifications: Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA), and GIAC Cloud Security Automation Certification (GCSA)

EXPERIENCE

Cloud Security Engineer, *Apree Health*

Jan 2022 — Present

- Led the initiative to optimize Terraform pipelines, slashing wait times due to handoffs from 2 hours to just 30 minutes. Collaborated closely with stakeholders to consolidate the approval process and automate promotions, resulting in significant time savings for both approvers and requesters.
- Successfully implemented egress filtering for URLs in PHI environments, a pivotal step in achieving HITRUST certification. Orchestrated the deployment of DiscrimiNAT across 6 VPCs, effectively filtering traffic in 27 environments with over 900 unique FQDNs.
- Developed a Python Flask application empowering developers to create temporary egress firewall rules in lower environments, circumventing the 24-hour SLA for FQDN additions. This innovation saved thousands of engineering hours, allowing uninterrupted development and testing.
- Revived and optimized scrum practices within the security team, taking a leadership role in restarting meetings and configuring Jira boards. Introduced sprint planning, backlog grooming, and retrospective sessions, resulting in an outstanding 77% reduction in Lead Time for ticket completion, from an average of 61.3 days to just 13.8 days after 3 months.

Site Reliability Engineer, *Zapproved*

Mar 2021 — Jan 2022

- Designed and implemented an AWS solution for managing SSH keys on TeamCity agents across multiple AWS accounts.
 - Analyzed and resolved an Elasticsearch cluster issue that caused day long logging outages, sometimes multiple times a week.
 - Spearheaded the refactoring of the Kubernetes solution. Documented the current state of the Kubernetes solution by updating, creating, and re-organizing several dozen internal documents. Developed a roadmap for Kubernetes improvements by evaluating different tools, researching best practices, creating proof of concepts, and meeting with key stakeholders.
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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, University Honors Sep 2016 — Aug 2020

Portland State University

GPA: **3.73**