



# Espira Andrew

Building and running simple,scallable and optimal infrastucture for the future

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# About Me

- Andrew Espira
- BSC computer technology, Jkuat
- SRE Engineer
- Interested in cloud Native solutions, Observability and monitoring, distributed computing, cloud engineering
- open source community
- Football fan
- passionate about Cloud computing, AI and the future of distributed computing

# Some notes

- Feel free to reach out and ask any question
- Slides & code on GitHub

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My first encounter with a computer was in 2004, while still in class 4 during our computer classes. Over the years i fell in love with the machines but was not interested in pursuing a career in computing. I wanted to be a pilot(dream job).I joined campus to pursue electrical engineering but in my first two weeks,i dropped the course then embarked on a journey of self discovery. I took up computer technology and over the years,this has been one of the many choices in life that has really paid off.

# Work Experience

Programming was one of the few things that fascinated my curiosity. The moment i wrote my first program in c++,my journey to software development started. Most of my campus years i spent building applications for companies and being involved in tech communities.

## Data Engineering/ML/AI

My first job was as a data engineer in a small startup in Nairobi. I was in my final year in campus and really pursuing a AI/ML experience in real life. I got an entry job that saw me gain quite alot of technical hands on experience

- Assembled large, complex data sets that meet functional / non-functional business requirements.
- Identified, designed, and implemented internal process improvements: automating manual processes, optimizing data delivery, redesigning infrastructure for greater scalability
- Build the infrastructure required for optimal extraction, transformation, and loading of data from a wide variety of data sources using SQL
- Build analytics tools that utilize the data pipeline to provide actionable insights into customer acquisition,operational efficiency and other key business performance metrics.

# System Engineering/System Administration/Linux systems

- Implemented high performance platform by integrating cluster nodes of Linux server using distributed computing models
- Reduced analysis time by implementing high performance computing for big data and research data computations by boosting processing time through cpu optimizations and job managements
- Automated data pipelines and softwares deployment by building docker images and data pipelines for common workflows which increased data processing time
- Offered management and system recommendation on management of high-performance computer systems, clusters, operating systems, peripherals, and system interfaces; monitors system usage; ensures that the high-performance computing complex is operating at optimal performance and reliability levels
- Designed and implemented server architectures on parallel computing platform to efficient manage jobs, file storages and users using job manager tool (SLURM) and IPA (identity management Framework)
- Identified security vulnerabilities and implemented procedures to ensure data center met all security requirements by analyzing system logs and network logs

# DevOps,SRE and Cloud computing

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- Designed and built systems and infrastructure with guiding principles of high AWS well architecture framework and implementing system architectures that improve our operation efficiency
- Developed and implemented software release management strategies for various applications according to agile process and continuous delivery practices Using Gitops operations to deploy and manage Kubernetes
- Increased Continuous Intergrations using GitHub Developed and implemented software release management strategies for various applications according to agile process
- Worked on improving securing, building reliable systems, and deploying multiple applications on AWS by taking advantage of services like AWS amplify, ec2, s3, Elb, route53, CloudWatch, CloudFormation etc.
- Improved application performance by in cooperating micro-services instrumenting and tracing to enhance our observability and monitoring on our services
- Using APM tools to advance and implement Service level objectives and monitoring service levels indicators and error budgets to offer our customers reliable and available services
- Improved code quality by introducing automated testing, code review, coding standards and following best



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# Team-collaboration

Having worked both in academia/research industry and private sector, have managed to acquire personal skills that have seen my growth in my career and personal life

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- communication
- Professionalism
- team work
- collaboration
- Problem solving
- Time management
- Conflict resolution
- Leadership
- Dependability
- independent

Thank you for this opportunity!

