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PROFILE SUMMARY

Ambitious Junior DevOps Engineer with hands-on experience in Linux systems, networking, and cloud basics. Familiar with AWS (EC2, S3), Docker, and Bash scripting. Actively learning about CI/CD pipelines using Jenkins and automating infrastructure using Terraform. Currently in the process of obtaining the AWS Cloud Practitioner certification, which will further enhance my proficiency in the cloud. A quick learner with a proactive approach, ready to streamline workflows, boost system efficiency, and manage cloud environments while continuously sharpening skills and embracing new challenges.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

+ **Operating Systems: Practical experience with Linux (Ubuntu, CentOS) and familiar with Windows and macOS for system administration tasks.**
+ **Networking: Good understanding of networking fundamentals, including DNS, Load Balancing, TCP/IP, Nginx, and Apache, with hands-on experience troubleshooting these technologies.**
+ **Version Control: Proficient in Git for version control with a solid grasp of GitHub workflows, enabling effective collaboration and project management.**
+ **Cloud Platforms: Basic knowledge of AWS (EC2, S3, IAM) with ongoing studies for AWS Cloud Practitioner certification; limited experience with Azure console operations.**
+ **Programming & Scripting: Basic knowledge of Bash scripting for automation tasks and currently learning Python to expand scripting and automation skills.**
+ **Containerisation: Exposure to Docker for creating and managing containers, with an understanding of container basics and their application in modern development workflows.**
+ **CI/CD Pipelines: Familiar with Jenkins for automating build and deployment processes, emphasizing the importance of continuous integration and continuous deployment in agile environments.**
+ **Infrastructure as Code (IaC): Introductory experience with Terraform for managing cloud infrastructure, focusing on automating and streamlining resource provisioning.**
+ **Container Orchestration: Currently learning Kubernetes for container management and orchestration, aiming to enhance skills in deploying and scaling applications.**
+ **Configuration Management: Actively learning Ansible for automating server configurations and improving consistency across environments.**
+ **Monitoring & Logging: Gaining familiarity with Prometheus for basic system monitoring and logging to ensure system performance and reliability.**

SOFT SKILLS

+ **Problem-Solving:** Ability to troubleshoot basic system and network issues to minimise downtime.
+ **Effective Communication:** Experience working in customer-facing roles and applying this knowledge to DevOps.
+ **Collaboration:** Providing technical and non-technical input in cross-functional teams while learning from seniors.
+ **Adaptability:** Quickly learns new tools and technologies and applies them in practical scenarios through self-learning projects and freelance work.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TECH DOMAIN
FREELANCE NETWORK ENGINEER
REMOTE
09/2024 - PRESENT

+ Assist in diagnosing and troubleshooting basic network issues, including DNS errors and TCP/IP configurations to ensure the system's stability.
+ Configure security protocols such as firewalls and VPNs in conjunction with senior engineers in order to enhance the security of the network.
+ Monitor network systems to detect performance issues, escalating complex issues to senior engineers for resolution.
+ Work with clients to understand their basic networking needs and provide appropriate solutions under the direction of senior team members.
+ Document network setup, maintenance, and troubleshooting processes to support team workflows and knowledge sharing.
+ Provide support for the deployment of network updates and patching, as well as ensuring the security and reliability of the system.
+ Worked with senior engineers to troubleshoot and resolve network-related issues.

PROJECTS

SELF-LEARNING PROJECTS | 2023 - 2024

PERSONAL DEVOPS LAB

+ Set up a personal lab environment to simulate DevOps workflows, including basic server setups and CI/CD pipeline explorations.
+ Managed Linux servers and automated tasks using Bash.
+ Deployed AWS resources (EC2, S3) with a focus on security and basic infrastructure management.
+ Installed Prometheus for basic system monitoring.

VIRTUAL MACHINE SETUP AND AUTOMATION

+ Created and managed Linux-based virtual machines, performing basic system administration tasks and automating processes using Bash scripting.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
LYRECO UK AND IRELAND
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
10/2023 - 02/2024

+ Managed business development efforts that led to the acquisition of new clients in IT services.
+ Collaborated with internal teams to develop customised IT product offerings that addressed the needs of clients.
+ Identified and pursued new business opportunities by conducting market research.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE
LOGIXAL
LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM
05/2023 - 08/2023

+ Presented IT solutions to clients, translating technical concepts into business value.
+ Worked closely with cross-functional teams to ensure seamless delivery of IT services to clients.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION
BTEC National Diploma in Construction | South East Essex Collage, Year 2009
GCSEs (A-C Level) | Year 2007
CompTIA A+ Certification | Year 2020
AWS Cloud Practitioner | Expect to complete: Year 2025