

# Gary Mays

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## CERTIFICATIONS | TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Certifications: AWS Certified Solutions Architect Associate, AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner
- Operating Systems: RHEL (Linux), Amazon Linux, Windows Server 2012-2022
- Programming Languages: Python, Bash, Powershell, CLI, JSON, YAML
- Tools and Technologies: AWS, IaC, IAM, Sentinel, GitLab, Kubernetes, DevOps, Jira, Scrum, Observability, Terraform, Atlassian, ServiceNow, Boto3, AI/ML, Paas, CI/CD, CLI, Jenkins, Aruba

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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**Vistra Energy Corp.** | Irving, Texas

March 2022 - Current

### *Cloud Platform Engineer*

- Deploys and manages cloud endpoints by leveraging Infrastructure-as-Code tools, including AWS CloudFormation templates and Terraform
- Manages cloud-based endpoints within Vistra's nuclear fleet, ensuring they meet security and regulatory standards
- Leads cloud cost optimization and visualization initiatives, identifying and implementing cost-savings opportunities that resulted in an estimated \$200,000 in annual savings
- Collaborates with architects to design tailor-made cloud architectures for secure and scalable solutions
- Deploys automation frameworks to optimize system performance and reduce task redundancy
- Led Agile ceremonies, including daily stand-ups, sprint planning, and retrospectives, while effectively managing Jira and Kanban boards
- Responsible for deploying and managing Cloud compute, storage, networking, and containerized resources such as Ec2 Instances, Load Balancers, Kubernetes Clusters, S3 buckets, and VPC's
- Utilizes platform observability and monitoring tools such as AWS CloudWatch, Sentinel, and NewRelic to analyze anomalies and detect errors within the cloud environment
- Provides troubleshooting support for various technical teams across the organization with database, storage, web application, and containerized resources within the cloud

**Southern Methodist University** | Dallas, Texas

Jan 2019– March 2022

### *Senior IT Consultant*

- Managed the university's IT knowledge base annual refresh initiative, aligning updates with academic year objectives
- Managed Sitecore web development platform to ensure university subsites were active, up-to-date, and fully functional
- Provided backend administration and troubleshooting support for multiple cloud-based applications, ensuring optimal performance, security, and user accessibility

**University of Texas Southwestern** | Dallas, Texas

April 2017– January 2019

### *Service Desk Analyst*

- Delivered technical support for Windows, Mac OS, and Linux platforms

## TECHNICAL PROJECTS

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Vulnerability Management project | **Vistra Energy** | 2024

- Co-led cloud vulnerability remediation efforts, driving a 70% enterprise-wide reduction in vulnerabilities through targeted automation, collaboration, and process automation

Sailpoint application project | **Vistra Energy** | 2024

- Successfully deployed security controls for Sailpoint servers across the cloud environment

ServiceNow MidServer Discovery POC | **Vistra Energy** | 2022

- Successfully deployed and managed Kubernetes clusters to serve as a midserver for the ServiceNow platform

AWS Workspaces POC | **Southern Methodist Univ.** | 2020-2021

- Served as key technical team member on AWS Workspaces integration project

Holiday POS Imaging project | **Gamestop Corp** | 2012-13

- Technical supervisor overseeing effort to image and distribute 500+ point of sales computers and peripherals

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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Chairman | Career Development E R G | Vistra Energy | 2023-present

- Successfully manages a \$10,000 annual budget to align events with organizational goals
- Organizes 12+ development events annually to drive career growth pathways for entry level employees

Military Veteran | US Army National Guard

## EDUCATION

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Southern New Hampshire University | Associate of Arts

Louisiana State University | Bachelor of Arts | IT Leadership | expected 2025