Kamal Kumar

Lead Cloud Platform Engineer | Lead DevOps Engineer

Summary

Cloud Migration/DevOps Lead with 8+ years architecting enterprise Azure solutions and driving digital transformations. Delivered \$1.4M+ cost savings, secured 99.99% system reliability, and mentored 15+ engineers. Expert in Terraform IaC, Kubernetes orchestration, GitOps pipelines, and zero-trust security. Successfully scaled infrastructure for 100K+ users ensuring compliance.

Experience

EPAM Systems September 2024 - Present

Cloud Migration & DevOps Lead

Gurugram, Haryana

- **Enterprise Migration:** Spearheaded zero-downtime migration of 30-component Java/C++ monolith to AKS, serving 100K+ daily users
- \bullet $\,$ Risk Reduction: Delivered 30+ POCs and technical assessments, reducing migration risk by 80%
- Deployment Optimization: Engineered GitLab CI/CD pipelines with ArgoCD, reducing deployment time by 94% (4 hours → 15 minutes)
- **Team Leadership:** Mentored 8 DevOps engineers, increasing team velocity by 40% and knowledge retention by 90%
- **Cost Engineering:** Implemented FinOps practices and right-sizing strategies, saving \$1.4M annually (25% reduction)

EPAM Systems June 2022 - September 2024

Lead Cloud Platform Engineer

Gurugram, Haryana

- **Platform Scaling:** Onboarded 200+ apps across 15 business units with Azure Landing Zones and hub-spoke architecture
- Automation Excellence: Built Terraform + Azure DevOps pipelines, cutting provisioning from 8h to 1.4h (70% gain)
- Security Hardening: Boosted security posture by 85% with Azure Policy and Zero Trust
- **Template Standardization:** Created 50+ IaC templates for AKS, Container Apps, and Functions
- Process Optimization: Established CI/CD standards, reducing onboarding from 3 weeks to 3 days (85% improvement)

ITC Infotech October 2018 - June 2022

DevOps Engineer

Gurugram, Haryana

- Infrastructure Modules: Architected 50+ Terraform modules across 15+ environments
- **Process Automation**: Automated 50+ workflows (Python/PowerShell), boosting productivity 60%
- CI/CD Implementation: Built 40+ Azure DevOps pipelines for Java app releases (45% faster)
- Security Enhancement: Added container scanning & vulnerabilities management, cutting incidents by 40%
- Compliance Management: Set up Azure Policy for 100+ regulatory requirements

Collabera Technologies

April 2017 - October 2018

Systems Engineer New Delhi, India

- **Infrastructure Management:** Maintained 99.9% uptime across 200+ branch locations
- Server Deployment: Provisioned 100+ hardened Windows/Linux servers
- **Business Continuity:** Led infrastructure setup for 50+ new branches

Cloud Platforms

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Microsoft Azure, AKS, Functions, App Service, Storage, SQL Database, PostgreSQL, Cosmos DB, Azure OpenAI, Machine Learning

DevOps & CI/CD

Azure Devops (ADO), GitHub, Git, Jenkins, GitLab CI/CD, GitHub Actions, ArgoCD, Helm Charts, Kustomize, Flux

Monitoring & Observability

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Azure Monitor, Log Analytics, Application Insights, Prometheus, Grafana, Datadog, Splunk

Programming & Automation

Python, PowerShell, Bash, Go, Azure CLI, REST APIs, ARM/Bicep, YAML/JSON

Certifications

Azure DevOps Expert (AZ-400) Microsoft	2024	HashiCorp Terraform Associate Hashicorp	2024
Azure Security Engineer Associate (AZ-500) Microsoft	2023	Azure Network Engineer Associate (AZ-700) Microsoft	2023
Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA) CNCF	2023	Azure Administrator Associate (AZ-104) Microsoft	2023
Azure Developer Associate (AZ-204) Microsoft	2022	Solutions Architect Technologies (AZ-300) Microsoft	2021

Education

Jain University, Bangalore

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Sikkim Manipal University

Key Achievements

\$1.4M+ Cost Savings Achievement

Strategic cloud optimization and FinOps implementation for multiple teams within LSEG

Team Development Excellence

Mentored 15+ engineers with 90% achieving promotions and advanced certifications

Microsoft Certified Trainer

Recognized by Microsoft, took more than 50 internal training sessions within EPAM/LSEG.

Containers & Orchestration

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Containerization, Docker, Containerd, Kubernetes (CKA), Azure Container Registry, Container Instances, Container Apps, Service Mesh, Istio

Security & Compliance

Enhance Cloud Security and Zero trust

Azure Policy, Microsoft Defender, Key Vault, Privileged Identity Management, RBAC, Zero Trust, SOC 2, GDPR

Infrastructure as Code (IaC)

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Terraform, ARM Templates, Bicep, Pulumi, CloudFormation, Ansible

Networking

Hub-and-Spoke, Azure ExpressRoute, VPN Gateway, Application Gateway, Load Balancers, Azure Firewall, NSGs

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June 2021 - July 2023

June 2013 - July 2016

Master of Computer Applications (MCA)

Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA)

99.99% System Reliability

Achieved exceptional system reliability serving 100K+

Certified Interviewer

EPAM certified interviewer, successfully took 150+ interviews

EPAM Excelence Award (3x)

3 times recognized by EPAM for exceptional performance