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### Profile

Network systems engineer & architect with a bias for automation. Experienced across enterprise, data centre, industrial and smart building environments, with a focus on robust system design and automation-driven delivery.

Adept at building scalable infrastructure using AWS, Cisco, Juniper, Palo, Fortinet with tooling such as Terraform, Ansible, and Python SDKs. Strong grounding in network fundamentals combined with a deep commitment to advancing automation practices. Immersed in the network automation community and passionate about shaping next-generation architectures for hybrid environments.

### Skills

- **Cloud & Automation:** AWS Networking, Terraform, Ansible, Python SDKs, GitHub Actions, NetBox, Nautobot
- **Networking & Infrastructure:** Cisco Meraki, Juniper Mist, Cisco ACI, Palo Alto Panorama
- **Tooling & Platforms:** Linux, Docker, Nornir, REST APIs, CICD, Grafana
- **Practices:** GitOps, Observability, Infrastructure as Code (IaC), DevOps
- **Soft Skills:** Leadership, client-facing engagement, cross-functional collaboration, commercial acumen

### Experience

Where	When	What	Why
<a href="#">Camden</a>	2024–2025	Lead Network Engineer	Public Service
<a href="#">Lloret</a>	2023–2024	Network Architect	Rediscover my Roots
<a href="#">WeWork</a>	2019–2023	Global Network Architect	Build Complex Systems
<a href="#">Redstone</a>	2017–2018	Network Engineer & TPM	Prove Myself
<a href="#">Dimension Data</a>	2012–2017	PM to Network Engineer	Learn the Ropes

#### Camden — Lead Network Engineer London, UK | 2024 – 2025

- Led network modernisation projects across critical public sector infrastructure.
- Supported hybrid environments integrating Cisco Meraki, Cisco ACI, Palo Alto Panorama, and Azure.
- Focused on improving operational efficiency through network automation and technical debt remediation.

#### Lloret — Network Architect London, UK | 2023 – 2024

- Led delivery of high-performance smart building networks, integrating Cisco, Allied Telesis, and IoT systems.
- Produced RFIs, BoMs, and technical submissions, aligning to client specs and winning major ICT contracts.
- Built GitOps automation pipelines and source-of-truth systems to improve consistency and deployment accuracy.
- Reduced project costs by approximately 15% through spec refinement and vendor strategy.
- Partnered closely with clients and executives to present, refine, and secure multi-vendor network designs.

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## **WeWork — Network Architect   London, UK | 2018 – 2022**

- Migrated globally from legacy Cisco to Juniper Mist, reducing incident frequency and support overhead.
- Built automation frameworks using Python and Nornir, aligning intended vs actual state.
- Led IPFabric and Nautobot adoption from concept to production, saving 200+ engineering hours annually.
- Regional SME for network reliability engineering, automation tooling, and cross-functional DevOps collaboration.
- Product owner of departmental AWS Networking, Splunk Observability, and Okta SSO environments.
- Thrived during global restructuring, taking on additional project ownership amid rapid organizational change.

## **Redstone — Network Engineer & TPM   London, UK | 2017 – 2018**

- Delivered multiple data centre design and build projects for banking and insurance clients.
- Oversaw full lifecycle delivery, from pre-sales alignment to stakeholder management and execution.
- Audited existing data centre infrastructure to prepare for migration.

## **Dimension Data — PM to Network Engineer   UK-wide | 2012 – 2017**

- Led network refresh and large-scale infrastructure builds for Airbus, RAF, and Rolls Royce.
- Coordinated fibre backbone and copper horizontal installations across multi-site campus networks.
- Earned engineering roles by delivering complex builds and leading client interactions.

## **ITS Networks — Structured Cabling Engineer   UK-wide | 2008 – 2012**

- Installed and terminated vertical backbone and horizontal copper cabling for enterprise LAN deployments.
- Worked on data centre builds and structured cabling across various campus environments.
- Built foundational technical expertise that supported transition into network engineering.

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