MUHAMMAD ZIAD ABUSAA

Engineering Manager | Cloud Architect & SRE | Data Platforms Expert

Over 15 years of experience in software development and 5+ years in DevOps, DevSecOps, SRE, and cloud technologies. Adept at designing and implementing reliable and user-friendly systems. Proven leader with a track record of motivating, mentoring, and managing teams to build high-quality applications and effectively track changes.

Personal Information

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Links: Website | LinkedIn Residency: **Premium Igama**

Languages: Arabic (Native), English (Professional)

Work Experience

Engineering Manager | Cloud Architect & SRE | Data Platforms May 2023 - Present

- LUCID MOTORS | RIYADH
 - Cloud-Native Architecture: Architected cloud infrastructure solutions, integrating Kubernetes, EMQ X, Apache Kafka, Airflow and Apache Spark to support high-volume data processing.
 - Infrastructure Reliability and Performance: Achieved over 99.5% uptime by optimizing multicloud environments (AWS, OCI) and architecting scalable, resilient cloud-native solutions.
 - Infrastructure as Code (IaC): Designed and implemented IaC pipelines with Terraform for 20+ cloud environments, enhancing scalability and reducing provisioning time by 80%.
 - Continuous Delivery: Spearheaded the adoption of Argo CD for 25+ Kubernetes clusters reducing deployment time and minimizing errors.
 - Data Platform Reliability: Managed mission-critical data platforms, ensuring 99.5% availability and seamless performance for real-time and batch workloads.
 - Monitoring and Incident Management: Deployed advanced monitoring and alerting systems using the Kubernetes Prometheus stack, enabling proactive resolution of potential issues.

- **Cost Optimization:** Identified and eliminated idle resources, leading to a 30% reduction in monthly cloud costs while maintaining operational efficiency.
- **Leadership and Mentorship**: Directed a high-performing team of 5 SREs, fostering skill development and improving team efficiency by 15%.
- **Strategic Planning:** Collaborated with leadership to define and execute departmental OKRs, aligning technical deliverables with business objectives.

PRINCIPAL DEVOPS ENGINEER

Jan 2022 - May 2023

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- DevOps Technologies and Tooling: Selected and implemented tools that significantly enhanced deployment efficiency and reduced manual configuration errors.
- **Cloud Adoption:** Led the implementation of cloud solutions from the ground up, designing and deploying infrastructure for new applications.
- **GitOps Implementation with Argo CD:** Spearheaded GitOps adoption using Argo CD for 400+ applications, streamlining deployments and reducing related issues.
- **Security Integration:** Integrated SAST and SCA into application pipelines, leading to a substantial reduction in vulnerabilities detected post-deployment.
- Quality Code Checks with SonarQube: Improved code quality by integrating SonarQube into CI/CD pipelines, reducing technical debt and enhancing overall metrics.
- CI/CD Automation: Established automated CI/CD pipelines in collaboration with the development team, increasing deployment frequency and reducing time to deploy.
- Monitoring with Prometheus and Grafana: Implemented a monitoring solution that improved incident detection and provided real-time insights into system performance.
- **Infrastructure Provisioning with Terraform:** Automated infrastructure provisioning across multiple environments, ensuring consistency and significantly reducing setup time.
- **Patching and Upgrading:** Managed the patching and upgrading process, maintaining 100% compliance with the latest security and performance updates.
- **Security Collaboration:** Collaborated with the Cybersecurity team to enforce security standards, achieving high compliance with internal policies.
- Training and Enabling New Joiners: Onboarded and trained new team members in Platform and DevSecOps practices, boosting their productivity within the first few months.

PLATFORM LEAD Sep 2019 - Dec 2021

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- Software Delivery Projects for Government Clients: Led the design and implementation of software delivery projects, ensuring successful outcomes for government clients.
- **Team Leadership:** Managed multiple teams of over 10 professionals, driving a notable increase in productivity and improving project delivery timelines.

- Transformation to Cloud-Native Apps: Directed the shift to cloud-native architectures, integrating containerization across all applications, which enabled smoother deployments and greater flexibility.
- Kubernetes and Containerization Adoption: Spearheaded the company-wide adoption of Kubernetes and containerization, resulting in faster deployments and better resource utilization.
- Project Design and Architecture Advisory: Collaborated closely with the architecture team, providing advisory support that improved system efficiency and reduced the need for architectural redesigns.
- Agile and DevOps Practices Adoption: Implemented Agile and DevOps practices, significantly boosting development team efficiency and streamlining workflows.
- **Backend APIs Development:** Developed and optimized backend APIs, improving response times and enhancing system scalability to accommodate increased traffic and workload demands.

PRODUCT MANAGER/TEAM LEAD

Jan 2018 - Aug 2019

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- Team leader: responsible of project implementation and delivery and managing the dev team, following up on daily basis.
- Reviewing the final product before shipping into customer, In terms of business and technical implementation.
- Product management: responsible for managing product backlogs and first chair customer facing person.
- Participated in application design with Architecture team.

TECHNICAL TEAM LEADER

Jan 2017 - Dec 2017

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SENIOR SOLUTION DESIGNER

Dec 2012 - Jan 2017

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SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Jan 2010 - Nov 2012

OGER SYSTEMS | RIYADH

Published Courses

Argo CD Essential Guide for End Users (Udemy)

Skills

- Containers & Orchestration: Kubernetes, Helm Charts, Rancher
- Cloud Platforms: AWS, Oracle Cloud (OCI), Google Cloud, Azure DevOps (Certified)
- Data Platforms: Hive, Spark, Airflow, Kafka, Trino.
- DevSecOps: Security best practices, Secrets management using Vault.

- GitOps: Argo CD.
- Infrastructure as Code (IaC): Terraform
- Version Control Systems: Azure DevOps, GitLab
- Observability & Monitoring: Prometheus, Grafana, Alert Manager
- Team Management & Leadership: Team leadership, project management
- **Development Frameworks & Languages**: .NET Core (C#), Angular, Go, Python and Shell Scripting.
- Microsoft: SharePoint (Certified), Office 365, CRM, BizTalk
- BPM: K2.

Education

UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN
BACHELOR of COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jan 2005 - Dec 2009

Certificates

- AWS Certified Solutions Architect Associate Link
- AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner Link
- Prometheus Certified Associate

Certification Number: LF-pp8k8uvy3s

• Google Cloud Digital Leader

Certification Number: xvCjoH

Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA)

Certification Number: LF-kg8hjq9m42

Certified Kubernetes Security Specialist (CKS)

Certification Number: LF-IJ4BDLK3O6

Certified Kubernetes Application Developer (CKAD)

Certification Number: LF-4xr63e8hp8

Microsoft Certified: DevOps Engineer Expert

Certification Number: H584-3759

Microsoft Certified: Azure Developer Associate

Certification Number: H584-3619

• Microsoft Certified Solutions Expert: Productivity

Certification Number: G421-5726

• Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate: Office 365

Certification Number: G421-5525

• Microsoft Certified Professional

Certification Number: E933-3478