

# Matthew Clegg - Linux Administrator

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Over **15** years of industry experience, developing with client, server and infrastructure technologies. Skilled in automation cloud orchestration tools (Kubernetes, Terraform, Helm, Ansible etc), server-side technologies (Python, PHP, Ruby) & client front-end languages (HTML, CSS and JavaScript). I have experience creating and hosting websites using complex math & basic logic for most common content management systems. My previous work experience includes projects with numerous digital agencies, startups and corporations.

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## Site Reliability Engineer Munich, Germany 2018 - 2020



Responsible for automating everything from A to Z using Terraform, Ansible, AWS lambda functions, etc. I was responsible for supporting a team of SREs in monitoring the platform using logs, metrics, tracing, amongst other observability stacks such as ELK and NewRelic. I advised product teams on topics such as automation and architecture. I aimed to enhance teams in regards to communication, collaboration and integration between software developers and infrastructure stakeholders in the software delivery lifecycle. While at Personio I migrated their web services into Kubernetes in AWS using GitLab. I created and managed a GitLab service in an automated fashion. I used a GitLab instance to provision Kubernetes environments in AWS. I migrated all microservices to Kubernetes services in AWS environment using direct connect. I aimed to improve their existing platform concerning scalability, deployments and reliability so they require less maintenance in the future. I supported the internal team on operations topics regarding deployment & automation. I provided training sessions for keen developers to attend regarding Docker & Kubernetes.

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## Senior Technical Operations Munich, Germany 2016 - 2018



During my time at Freeletics I was responsible for running their heavily used platform to sustain the api/web services 24x7x365. I completed this by monitoring the platform to know of issues before users and proactively responding to maintain the system. While at Freeletics, I introduced KOPS (Kubernetes Operations) to manage Kubernetes. Previously, the cluster had been created 'by hand' to use a combination of flannel/AWS route tables to manage internal networking. I improved the cluster design by; enabling load distribution across multiple availability zones in AWS, replacing a hardcoded ingress service with a dynamic ingress controller, fixing several security issues, reducing operating costs and, most importantly, provided the ability to autoscale the number of servers required by the cluster based on the current demand. The launch script for the cluster was also documented as a repeatable script (that ran inside docker) that could create a new Kubernetes cluster by; calculating available subnet CIDRs in a VPC, generating required keys/certificates, updating DNS records, defining all required resources in terraform, setup networking using Weave and initializing a helm tiller to await for future deployments. I created a helm chart that described all micro-services to be done as a single deployment. This improved the workflow by ensuring that the same versions and configuration settings (routing, Memory/CPU, etc) would be deployed on all production/staging/QA environments. It also enabled the teams to use HTTPS & subsequently HTTP2 for all environments.

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## DevOps Engineer Kensington, London 2015 - 2016



Automation migration for several large sites from VPS cloud hosting environments, for both Linux & Windows stacks, to AWS in Europe & China regions. Cloud orchestration completed using cloud formation. General shell scripting for running deployment processes, SQL backups, maintenance, and performance tuning completed using Puppet.

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**Web Developer**  
**Trafalgar Square, London 2013 - 2014**



Weekly published online TV guide for Virgin Media. General site maintenance / optimisation and created a plugin for maintaining nodes via Rackspace API. Patched PHP SDK for OpenCloud to provide usable responses from OpenStack API.

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**Web Developer / Consultant**  
**Shoreditch, London 2012 - 2014**



Various high performance and large content websites mainly for Suffolk County Council. Ongoing maintenance / improvements on a high security website that provides support and funding for children with disabilities, Suffolk Council Informational services website, and Suffolk County Music Service Educational website.

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**Web Developer (SilverStripe)**  
**Charing Cross Road, London 2012 - 2013**



Various marketing campaign websites for mainly property corporations. General CMS maintenance / development of existing projects and scoping technical details for future projects.

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**Web Developer / Consultant**  
**Charterhouse Square, London 2011 - 2014**



Involved from scope to deployment of digital projects for both Front-end / Back-end (PHP / ASP) web #developments for various marketing campaign websites for mainly financial corporations. Responsible for scoping additional features, training other developers, ongoing maintenance, on-call support for infrastructure.

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**Web Developer**  
**Kings Bromley, Lichfield 2009 - 2015**



Marketing for small local businesses in the Midlands. Created over 150 unique websites with only 1 other (front end) developer during 18 month period including a business `social network` resource for Solihull council.

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**Computer Guy**  
**Walsall, The Midlands 2006 - 2008**



I created (or amended) custom open source web scripts in PHP, and developed JavaScript's for web applications. I also designed & developed Windows based software to work with a cost effective (Linux) database servers, for managing stock/sales etc. I created servers that I configured to run; databases for CRM and product management, IMAP/SMTP mail services, squid proxy hosts, file sharing (SMB) and domain controller services. I also offered remote support & hardware maintenance of all combinations of Apple/Linux/Windows desktop/laptop/servers. Where possible I helped people with advice to customers/suppliers regarding technical/sales issues, gave advice on products, and helped problem solved any other IT related issues.

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**Hobbies & interests**

My favourite hobbies include long distance cycling, short distance running and hiking.  
I am also interested in cooking and photography.