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ABOUT ME

Over the past 5 years, I have honed my skills in the DevOps/DevSecOps space. I currently work as a Cyber Defence Engineer in escalated Incident Response, handling reports and alerts ranging from phishing and business email compromise to GuardDuty/cloud alerting and malware. I have a strong interest in the software development pipeline and use tools like Terraform for infrastructure as code and NixOS for declarative system management. I am passionate about continuous learning and self-development to deepen my understanding.

EXPERIENCE

OVO Energy, Bristol - Cyber Defence Engineer

May 2024 to Present

- Building a connection between ticketing systems (Jira to ServiceNow) of our MSSP and OVO (saving £30k)
- Working with leading technologies in SOC/Threat Detection/SIEM
  - Google Chronicle/Workspace/SecOps
  - Sublime Email Security
  - CrowdStrike
  - GuardDuty
  - Tines (Security Automation)
  - Wiz
- Escalated Incident Response (Blue Team)

OVO Energy, Bristol - Developer Tooling Specialist

August 2022 - May 2024

- Cloud services optimization (AWS/GCP) for scalability, reliability, and targeted cost reduction
- Building automated vending for GCP projects
- Drive DevOps and DevEx practices, streamlining development workflows, and facilitating seamless collaboration between development and operations teams
- Champion collaboration and knowledge sharing within the engineering community
- Vendor engagement and billing/cost reconciliation

OVO Energy, Bristol - Enterprise Technology Specialist

March 2021 - August 2022

- Administered and supported full Atlassian product suite
- Delivered zero-touch deployment using Mosyle, a pioneering MDM tool for Apple devices
- Linux device management solution including device scripting/hardening

OVO Energy, Bristol - Tech Support Analyst

June 2019 - August 2022

- Provided technical support and automated Jira projects for enhanced productivity
- Service Desk - Front Line Support
- Covid Office Cover

INTERESTS/SKILLS

- Home Lab | Proxmox | Containers (Docker/LXC)
- WebDev | Django | Python | HTMX
- Terraform | Cloudflare
- NixOS | Linux | Emacs
- AWS | GCP | Postgres
- Git | Atlassian/Jira

For the last two years, I've been managing a website that supports the Tobacco Factory Sunday Market. This experience provided the perfect opportunity to hone my web development skills, and I chose to use Django/Python for the project. The site is hosted on Proxmox and served to the web via Cloudflare. During this time, I also began implementing my own CI/CD pipelines and automated deployments.

TRAINING/OTHER

- Webdev Bootcamp
- AWS Developer
- Jira fundamentals and Atlassian University
- Google Labs/ Security Foundations
- Immersive Labs
- Atlassian Community Leader