Professional Recommendations

[Linda Feliciano](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lindafeliciano/)

[Cloud Engineer at IBM](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lindafeliciano/)

[August 12, 2019, Linda managed Mike directly](https://www.linkedin.com/in/lindafeliciano/)

I was Mike's Tech Lead for several years and he is a great technical resource. He is well versed in various Cloud technologies and coding languages. He is also experienced in industry practices such as DevOps, Agile, etc. and was a valuable member of team.

[Andrew Liddell, PMP, CSM, CSPO, PMI-ACP](https://www.linkedin.com/in/drewliddell/)

[Security Program Manager, FedRAMP Compliance at Cisco](https://www.linkedin.com/in/drewliddell/)

[July 31, 2019, Mike worked with Andrew in the same group](https://www.linkedin.com/in/drewliddell/)

Working alongside Micheal in Cisco's "Meetings" ATO program was incredibly revealing of his talents. His approach for gathering requirements to create Cisco's FedRAMP SSP-A13 inventory report was detailed and thorough, and his ability to balance competing priorities until their successful completion was fantastic. Whether a project called for managing Linux security solutions, fixing vulnerabilities (POA&Ms), or troubleshooting network assets, Micheal's technical skills and collaboration are first-rate. Therefore, with high confidence I recommend him as a valuable addition to those teams needing a skilled expert.

[JAMES SMALL](https://www.linkedin.com/in/james-small-1964b818/)

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I worked with Micheal Benzel on a cloud automation project as subcontractors for IBM. This project managed the administration of systems to provide private (and sometimes hybrid) cloud services to a company. Our team varied in size over the length of the project, but typically included 20-40 individuals. Of those, there were a handful who had the breadth and dept of skills to make the project successful. Micheal was one of those individuals. Micheal's in-depth knowledge of VMWARE products made it possible to automate tasks which were not possible with cursory information. His insight helped quickly provide direction when management requirements changed. His skills enabled implementation of solutions when in-the-weeds technical knowledge, and not just high-level architecture knowledge, was required. Our project team was split into groups, typically based upon the end-clients being supported. As the number of end-clients grew, it became necessary for there to be additional team leads. Micheal became one of those leads. He had not only the technical abilities to perform the tasks, but the motivation to see them through, and the ability to help others be successful in completing their tasks for the client. Micheal's background of both windows and linux systems and attention to detail made him a prime candidate for tasks that required secure implementations. Michael was a key performer in the chef-based credential handling was automated. His knowledge of Vrealize in addition to Openstack was key in being able to transition the team to new support model as IBM's vision changed. I would not hesitate to recommend Micheal for any technical position for cloud development/implementations. He was a pleasure to work with, and he can be relied upon to perform the tasks required for the project to be successful.

### [Mitchell Krisberg](https://www.linkedin.com/in/mitchell-krisberg/)

[Cloud Management, Orchestration and Infrastructure Lead Engineer](https://www.linkedin.com/in/mitchell-krisberg/)

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I worked with Mike on an account at IBM. The project was a multi region, multi platform private cloud for a large firm. The solution was based on openstack. I consider Michael to be an SME when it comes to anything cloud, openstack, coding/scripting, networking, anything. I say this out of personal experience because I joined the project already in progress and I worked with Mike while onboarding. Mike is a team player who knows how to collaborate. Mike coordinated the distributed upgrade of openstack for our team, so we can add leadership to the things Mike excels at. Mike would be a great addition to any team!

[Phuoc Nguyen](https://www.linkedin.com/in/phuoc-nguyen-8b269811/)

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[June 21, 2017, Phuoc worked with Mike in different groups](https://www.linkedin.com/in/phuoc-nguyen-8b269811/)

It's Been an honor to work with Micheal on several different projects. He is a go getter since he goes beyond the job request. When ever I need assistance, he is always there to help out from the beginning to the end of the project. He is very knowledgeable in all aspect of cloud computing technologies. Besides his knowledge you can count on him since he will be very valuable on any given project that will be assigned to him. He also loves what he does and show pride in his work. [See less](https://www.linkedin.com/in/michealbenzelcloudservice/?senderId=lindafeliciano)

[Kevin Byrns](https://www.linkedin.com/in/kevin-byrns-4235b41/)

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[April 3, 2013, Kevin reported directly to Mike](https://www.linkedin.com/in/kevin-byrns-4235b41/)

Mike is an awesome resource. He tinkers and tinkers until he nails all ends of a problem. He has a great knack for managing projects and others. He gets along well with people and is thoughtful of his resources. He has wonderful skills with SQL, Managed Code and keen analytical abilities. I would work with him anywhere and look forward to the time that we can. I recommend Mike to any company looking for a self-motivated self-reliant resource.

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[March 29, 2013, Samir worked with Mike in different groups](https://www.linkedin.com/in/samir-patel-b049012/)

Mike has an amazing ability to manage technical relationshipswith very difficult customers, enabling engineers to quickly workthrough/troubleshoot/resolve a wide-array of technical issues.