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## Profile Summary

A technical person starting my career in IT, currently functioning as **Platform Services Associate** at **GBM PAKISTAN**. Previous experience include worked at Samba Bank Limited. I have mid- level expertise in Nutanix, VMware and Hyper-V, Amazon Web Services (AWS), IBM Power Servers and Storages with good understanding of industry protocols and standards. Ability to perform tasks independently with good understanding of industry protocols and standards.



## Certifications

### Nutanix Certified

- Nutanix Certified Professional 5.5 (NCP)
- Nutanix Certified Systems Engineer Level 1 (NCSE)
- Core Competency Installation and Configuration (CCIC)

### IBM (International Business Machines)

- IBM Spectrum Protect V 8.1.6 Implementation and Administration



## Technical Skills

- **Virtualization Products:** vSphere 6.x/5.x/4.x, VMware vCenter, VMware Converter, VMware Workspace One, and Microsoft Hyper-V and Nutanix.
- **Backup Solutions:** IBM Spectrum Protect.
- **Basics of Cloud Computing:** Amazon Web Services.
- **Operating System :** Red-Hat Linux, AIX, Windows & Windows Server 2008/2012/2016
- **Microsoft Technologies:** Install & Configure: Windows 2012, 2008. Desktop OS Windows 7, Windows 8.1, 10, Active Directory.
- **Storage:** Mid-level knowledge of architecture and troubleshooting the following products: SAN storage, v7000, v9000.
- Basic knowledge in Zoning, LUN Masking, Storage Protocols like RAID technologies.
- **Database Skills:** Mid-level knowledge of Microsoft SQL Server.
- **Server & Hardware:** Advance knowledge of IBM and Lenovo hardware implementation.



## Professional Experience



### Platform Services Associate

Gulf Business Machines (GBM)

October 2018 – Present

Working in PFS Solutions Team where we managed HCI products of Nutanix, VMware, VMware Workspace One, IBM Power Server, Storages, and Blade Servers.

#### Big Data Project Coordinator at Meezan Bank Pvt Limited

In Meezan Bank we installed total 10 nodes of IBM Power System for Big Data project, from 10 nodes we used 7 nodes for the Hadoop structure, in 7 nodes we created 2 LPARS in each node total 14 LPARS and on that 14 LPARS we installed OS as per customer requirement, and the other 3 nodes it's for DB2 Warehouse in which we created 5 Linux LPARS for the Docker installation. As well as we also setup a Power-AI (Artificial Intelligence) server in which we installed a lot of AI (Artificial Intelligence) algorithms as per customer requirement.

- Rack Mounting of IBM Power9 Server, V9000 Storage, ESS Storage and Mellanox Switches.
- Cabling of Power Server, V9000 Storage, ESS Storage and Mellanox Switches.
- LPARS creation.
- Active Directory Installation.
- Firmware upgradation in Mellanox 40GB and 10GB switches.
- Docker installation
- Aix installation.
- Hardware installation.
- Project report creation.
- Coordinate with the IBM Consultants for the project work and discussion.

#### Project Responsibility at YKK

- Nutanix installation AHV.
- Setup network configuration in each node of nutanix.
- Make nutanix cluster between the nodes.
- Data migration from ESXI to AHV.
- Active Directory Installation.

#### Project Responsibility at DP World Pakistan

- LPARS creation.
- Aix installation.
- Installation and configuration of Power server and Power Storages Hardware.
- Installation of Windows Server 2012 R2 on 10 blades server.
- Firmware update on blades server.
- Installed Microsoft Windows on blades server.
- IBM AIX installation in IBM Power-9 Server.

#### Other Responsibilities in Office

- P2V and V2V VMs Migration using VMware Standalone.

- Managing Nutanix cluster using PRISM.
- Installation and Configuration Nutanix Community Edition.
- VMware ESXi Installation and Configuration.
- Deployment of Microsoft Office 365 and Configuration of Microsoft OneDrive.
- Active Directory configuration.
- VMware Workspace One handling end user devices.
- Provide System Support L1/L2.
- OS Installation.
- System troubleshoot.
- IBM Notes Configuration and installation.
- DNS Configuration.
- DHCP Configuration.



## IT Intern

Samba Bank Private Ltd

July 2016 – September 2016

Worked in different departments to familiar with all the things which are operated in banking environment. Like Database, Project Management, TSU (Technology Service Unit), Virtualization, SAN Storage and Networking.

## Responsibilities

**Database:** - Performed daily task to create a database on SQL Server and run queries on it. **Project**

**Management:** - Interaction with the Project Management team and learn how they make strategies when new project comes, and how they handle the critical situations when something get wrong.

**TSU:** - Learn when some machine or server gets down then how TSU team work to make it operational again.

**Virtualization:** - Learn how to work on Hyper-V and VMware, how to create virtual machine and its disk creation and so on but mostly worked on Hyper-V.

**SAN Storage:** - Learn how to create SAN storage from SAN.

**Networking:** - Worked on Packet tracer software and learn how to build a network and assigning IP to the routers.



## Education

**July 2019 – September 2019:** Amazon Web Services (AWS) Solution Architect Associate Cloud Certification from OnWire Technologies.

**Jan 2014 - Aug 2018:** Bachelors BS (Computer Science) from Iqra University.

**July 2011 - Sept 2013:** Intermediate from Meritorious Science College.

**Jan 2009 – March 2011:** Secondary School from H.E.J Foundation Public School.