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About me

I'm a software developer with a passion for building disruptive solutions in the cloud that make a difference to humanity. I thrive when I get to create products that have never existed or are deemed impossible to build. I leverage my out-of-the-box thinking and pour all my energy into being a force multiplier with the teams I collaborate with.

I strive to understand the "why" around the products and processes I work with, and enjoy challenging ideas to optimize companies.

Over the past decade, I've had the privilege of working with some truly amazing organizations, delivering successful projects to a diverse range of customers, from startups (4) to enterprises (9) and AWS consulting partners (2).

Education & Certifications

- BSc Computer Science, UNISA
- 13x AWS certificates, Pearson Vue
- Oracle OCA, Pearson Vue

Achievements

Listed below are some achievements of which I am proud.

- Built a serverless insurance platform for InvestSure that processed over 10,000 claims within the first year, achieving the Fastest claim in the World in 2018, with infrastructure costs of only a few hundred dollars a month.
- In 2021, I earned every AWS certificate, became an AWS APN Ambassador, and was featured in the article "Rockets to AWS."
- From 2018 to 2019, I built two cutting-edge platforms for different banks, both of which were demoed to Group CEOs Maria Ramos (Absa) and Sim Tshabalala (Standard Bank).



The Godfather of Cloud Werner Vogels

Fun fact: When I was younger, I received South African Protea Colours for Shooting South Africa (Paintball) & Mind Sports South Africa. This experience taught me the importance of commitment, hard work, and collaboration in achieving excellence.

AWS Partnerships

I also understand the AWS partnership ecosystem and have personally contributed multiple cases to the following competencies and helped those partners with their AWS partnership status. These include

- AWS Fintech competency
- AWS DevOps competency
- AWS Well-Architected competency
- AWS Managed Service Provider

Work Experience

Lead AWS Cloud Engineer

TMNL

Oct 2021 - Present

- Leading the platform engineering team in redesigning and building a cutting-edge analytics platform, which focussed on allowing teams to innovate and also which meet all the risk and SOC/PCI/CIS/GDPR standards.
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AWS Technical Practice Lead

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Jan 2020 - Sep 2021 - 1yr 10mos

- Lab: Mainly built POCs on AWS for ideation.
 - Cloud Acceleration Team: Helped multiple teams with AWS best practices and building well-architected systems.
 - Leaseplan: Helped build the new AWS platform for migrating Sap workloads to the cloud.
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Senior AWS Cloud Engineer

AAme (ABN Amro)

May 2019 - Jan 2020 - 8mos

- Panthers: Built and migrated the backend for the mobile ABN Amro app to AWS serverless
 - SDM: Developed an Internal maintenance tool hosted on AWS to configure the ABN app
 - Worked on some smaller projects to introduce personalization for the ABN Amro App.
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AWS Cloud Engineer

Synthesis

Nov 2017 - May 2019 - 2yrs 7mos

- ABSA: Migration project related to the separation of Barclays and Absa.
 - Old Mutual: Product team developing a regtech product
 - InvestSure: Built a serverless insurance platform.
 - ABSA: Brand As a Service AI project.
 - Standard Bank: Personalization Project using AWS Pinpoint & Kafka & AI
 - Worked on smaller projects with Investec, CIM Mauritius, and TruID.
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Software Developer

Paycode

Aug 2015 - Nov 2017 - 2yrs 4mos

- Started working on the mainframe and then moved into the RnD department
- Worked on the KYC, AML, MultiBIO, and Remittance middleware.
- Developed POCs for enrollment applications and voucher payments.

Skills

Languages:

- Java, JS, C, C++, Bash, Python, TS

Frameworks:

- Angular, Spring, Qt

Tools:

- GitLab, Github, Linux, Docker, Kafka, Atlassian, Jenkins, Neo4J, Datadog, Okta, Terraform, Miro, K8s, Azure DevOps, Vault

Final fun fact: I have also helped two companies with WBSO audits for tax credits relating to innovative projects.

If you have any great ideas, please reach out.