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Skills

Kubernetes

Tanzu, Openshift, Spectro Cloud, Vanilla

Platform Engineering

Linux, Ansible, Terraform, Crossplane, Backstage

CI/CD

GitlabCI, Forgejo Actions, GitHub Actions, ArgoCD, Argo Workflows, Flux

Cloud

AWS

AI

Claude Code

Certifications

Program Committee - Cloud Native Days Romania 2026

2026

[Credsverse](#)

Red Hat Certified OpenShift

Administrator

2024

[Credly](#)

CKA: Certified Kubernetes

Administrator

2023

[Credly](#)

20+ years in the tech trenches: from bare-metal to Internal Developer Platforms on Kubernetes, somewhere between obsession and true love. GitOps and self-service believer, developers should ship through golden paths, not Ops tickets. By day, I help teams adopt Cloud Native technologies and practices. By night, I run a homelab probably more complex than it needs to be, with an agentic AI teammate by my side. Organizer of Cloud Native Days Romania and OSS contributor.

Experience

Cloud Native Days Romania

Romania

Organizer

May 2025 - Present

Bringing together the local cloud native community.

METAMINDS

Bucharest, Romania

Senior Platform Engineer

June 2022 - Present

Working with public-sector clients in Romania, most notably **ANAF** (Romania's National Tax Agency) and **STS** (Special Telecommunications Service):

- **ANAF**: refactored and modernized parts of the infrastructure in a cloud-native way, applying industry best practices. Provided support and onboarding for teams adopting the new platform.
- **STS**: part of the engineering team that implemented the **National Private Cloud** project. Critical services spread across 4 regional datacenters, built for HA, DR, and geographic redundancy.

Cross-cutting work:

- Evaluated, selected, and implemented the technology stack.
- Built automated, self-service tooling, abstractions, and CI/CD pipelines (GitLab CI, ArgoCD) to simplify Kubernetes and Cloud Native adoption.
- Delivered technical trainings for internal teams and client engineers.
- Tech stack: Kubernetes (OpenShift, VMware Tanzu, vanilla), GitLab, ArgoCD, Argo Workflows, Crossplane, Backstage, Terraform, Ansible, Velero, Kasten, Harbor, Nexus.

Trainer for **Meta Pro**, Metaminds' nationwide EU-funded program delivering paid practical training in AI, software engineering, and information security to students.

EveryMatrix

Bucharest, Romania

Senior DevOps Engineer

October 2021 - May 2022

- Developed a cloud native Python Flask Web App that served as Management Console for our Support team from where they managed the operator domains.
- Improved the Kubernetes clusters deployment workflow, which led to faster provisioning, easier management and better visibility
- Implemented CI/CD Kubernetes deployments with Gitlab CI/CD & ArgoCD, while trying to follow a Testdriven Development (TDD) and DevSecOps approach by including jobs for linting/testing/vulnerability scanning in the pipelines.
- Coaching/Onboarding other teammates into the DevOps culture

Pond5

Bucharest, Romania

Technical Operations Engineer

January 2019 - September 2021

- Managing the AWS Infrastructure across multiple regions (EC2, R53, S3, ECS, Lambda, SQS, SNS, S3, RDS, DynamoDB, Cloudfront, Route53, CodeDeploy, Cloudwatch, Auto Scaling)
- Transitioning to a GitOps workflow Infrastructure
- Multiple Python based solutions (microservices/scripts/lambda/CMS scaling/custom audit solutions)
- Scalable, self-healing architectures (Terraform/Ansible/ASG)

EveryMatrix

Bucharest, Romania

System Administrator Team Leader

November 2014 - December 2018

- Managing a team of five System Administrators responsible for a mixed Infrastructure (traditional virtualized Infrastructure/Kubernetes/OpenStack/Google Cloud) with hundreds of servers across the globe.
- Acting as a project manager for several projects: F5 BIG-IP LB, Imperva Incapsula DDoS Protection and Google Cloud implementations
- Automated Infrastructure tasks using Ansible, Terraform, Git and provisioning scripts
- Ensuring the 24x7x365 support, monitoring of the Infrastructure and complex troubleshooting.
- Creating technical documentation, such as procedures, incident reports, root cause analysis, installation standards for Linux/Windows servers

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Bucharest, Romania

Linux System Administrator

June 2014 - November 2014

- Administering the Web Infrastructure and the dev/stage environments.
- Running periodic security scans and ensured the vulnerabilities got resolved by the dev team

Class IT Outsourcing

Bucharest, Romania

Linux System Administrator

August 2013 - June 2014

- Dedicated Linux Administrator for the company largest account, administering over 130 Linux servers

Quantrio Consulting

Bucharest, Romania

Unix System Administrator

May 2009 - August 2013

- Administering over 150 client servers running different Unix Operating Systems

Rompetrol

Bucharest, Romania

Linux System Administrator

August 2006 - May 2009

- Administering over 70 business-important servers running the Linux operating system

GECAD NET

Bucharest, Romania

Linux System Administrator

March 2005 - August 2006

- Support Engineer and Junior Linux SysAdmin