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EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Otago Polytechnic 2002 - 2005

- MICROSOFT AZURE ADMINISTRATOR
- MICROSOFT AZURE NETWORKING



SKILLS

- ◆ HYBRID ARCHITECTURE
- ◆ STRATEGY ALIGNMENT
- ◆ AGILE & DEVSECOPS
- ◆ CLOUD MIGRATION
- ◆ INFRASTRUCTURE-AS-CODE
- ◆ TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION
- ◆ INFRASTRUCTURE & NETWORK SECURITY
- ◆ OPERATIONS & SERVICE DESIGN
- ◆ PROBLEM SOLVING
- ◆ AZURE DEVOPS
- ◆ GITHUB AND GITHUB ACTIONS
- ◆ CONTAINERISATION AND ORCHESTRATION
- ◆ LINUX AND MACOS DAILY DRIVERS
- ◆ MICROSOFT SERVER STACKS
- ◆ CI/CD
- ◆ CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT
- ◆ ANSIBLE/TERRAFORM/BICEP
- ◆ TOOL MAKING AND SCRIPTING
- ◆ MAKING THE COMPLEX SIMPLE.

INTERESTS

- ◆ DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
- ◆ READING AND LEARNING
- ◆ HOME AUTOMATION
- ◆ GENERAL WELLBEING



PROFILE

"IT Professional with advanced skills across a broad spectrum of technology stacks and enterprise platforms."

Enterprise-focused Cloud Architect with 20+ years' experience shaping technology direction across complex environments. Specialising in Azure, Microsoft platforms, and hybrid architectures, I guide solution decisions that balance business priorities with scalability, security, and cost across applications, integration, and cloud platforms, including roadmaps and investment decisions.

AI consultant who uses AI daily to evaluate capabilities and identify practical business opportunities. Previously led service management automation through DevSecOps and platform engineering. I engage senior stakeholders, mentor teams, and drive continuous improvement so technology stays fit for purpose and aligned to business outcomes.



EXPERIENCE CONSULTANT

ARINCO >> 2025 > 2026

Platform Architecture and Delivery

Trusted technical advisor delivering end-to-end customer engagements focused on modern Azure cloud platforms. Provide architecture and design leadership that embeds AI into how platforms are designed, built, and run; balancing customer outcomes with security, scalability, and operational readiness.

AI and Intelligent Platforms

Advise organisations on practical, governed AI adoption, moving from experimentation to production-ready capability across people, processes, platforms, and agents. Apply AI daily to improve delivery quality and identify opportunities that create measurable customer value.

Customer Engagement and Technical Leadership

Partner with stakeholders as a customer-centric advisor, shaping solution direction and setting clear expectations. Help customers adopt Microsoft platform capabilities with a security-first, business-focused approach.

- Revamped and expanded reusable IP across the platform codebase and workshop packs, improving consistency, quality, and how teams deliver for customers.
- Worked the codebase backlog to strengthen modularity and readiness for engagements, supporting DevSecOps-led ways of working so platforms remain secure, consistent, and faster to evolve.

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OTHER EXPERIENCE

- ◆ SENIOR SYSTEMS ENGINEER
- ◆ SENIOR INFRASTRUCTURE ANALYST
- ◆ TECHNICAL CONSULTANT
- ◆ NETWORK AND SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

REFERENCES

- ◆ REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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CLOUD ARCHITECT

LEAVEN/CCL/SPARK >> 2021 > 2025

Cloud Architecture Design

Designed and implemented scalable, secure, and cost-effective cloud and hybrid infrastructures focused on repeatability and business continuity through DevSecOps and infrastructure-as-code.

- Created landing zone templates, diagrams, and collateral for rapid, consistent deployment across the practice.

DevSecOps and Infrastructure-as-Code

Lead Architect for the Azure Development Squad, delivering DevSecOps initiatives and product integration with modularity, security, compliance, and speed as core goals.

- Designed and documented the landing zone codebase as a modular platform engineering framework.
- Provided technical leadership and mentoring for the development squad.

Security and Compliance

Applied security and compliance best practice in designs aligned to business needs and outcomes.

- Achieved a 100% identity security score on landing zone deployments while maintaining operational efficiency.

Collaboration and Mentorship

Partnered with teams and stakeholders to drive cloud adoption, shape solution design, and guide migration strategies. Mentored cloud architects and engineers.

- Established a centre of code excellence and community of practice.
- Founded and contributed to a community security guild.

SNR. CLOUD ENGINEER

LEAVEN >> 2020 > 2021

Cloud Migrations.

Led end-to-end Azure migrations across assessment, design, and execution for clients in multiple industries. Built processes, reporting, and scripting to automate transition workflows.

- Standardised migration strategies and documentation, contributing to Microsoft Advanced Migration Specialisation.

DevSecOps and infrastructure-as-code

Specialised in Terraform, ARM templates, and Azure DevSecOps. Drove automation to cut deployment times and align environments with best practice.

- Built scripts and Azure Monitor dashboards that significantly reduced effort per server during migrations. PowerShell expert.