ZAYYAD AHMED

DevOps Engineer · DevSecOps Engineer · Cloud Engineer

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

DevOps and DevSecOps Engineer with 3+ years automating cloud infrastructure across AWS and Azure. I design Infrastructure as Code with Terraform, build CI/CD pipelines with GitHub Actions and Azure DevOps, and embed security into delivery — cutting deployment times, improving reliability, and removing manual toil. Delivered for startups and enterprise teams across Nigeria, the United States and the United Kingdom.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Automated CI/CD delivery** — replaced manual releases with GitHub Actions / Azure DevOps pipelines, reducing deployment time by **~40%** and eliminating manual deploy errors.
- **Infrastructure as Code** — provisioned **100%** of a company's Azure environment in Terraform, enabling repeatable, auditable rebuilds in **under 15 minutes**.
- **Shift-left security** — integrated automated SAST/DAST scanning into CI/CD, cutting vulnerabilities reaching production by **~30%**.
- **Reliability** — hardened environments and added monitoring/alerting to sustain **~99.5%** uptime on live, production systems.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Cloud: AWS, Microsoft Azure, Azure Container Apps, Key Vault, Cosmos DB, EC2, S3, IAM
Infrastructure as Code: Terraform, Ansible
Containers & Orchestration: Docker, Kubernetes, Helm
CI/CD: GitHub Actions, Azure DevOps, ArgoCD, GitOps
Monitoring & Observability: Prometheus, Grafana, CloudWatch
DevSecOps: SAST, DAST, secrets management, container hardening, vulnerability assessment
Automation & Scripting: Python, Bash, n8n, Make, Power Automate
Operating Systems: Linux

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DevOps & DevSecOps Engineer · FraudWatch360 Feb 2026 – Present
Cybersecurity firm (UK), threat intelligence & digital brand protection · Remote

- Integrated automated SAST, DAST and dependency scanning into CI/CD, reducing security defects reaching production by **~30%** and shortening remediation time.
- Hardened container images and runtime environments and removed hard-coded secrets across **8** services, cutting the attack surface.
- Standardized deployment pipelines, reducing release time by **~35%** and manual intervention on every deploy.

Cloud, DevOps & DevSecOps Engineer · Heunets Jan 2026 – Jun 2026
US-based technology company · Azure · Remote

- Provisioned **100%** of the company's Azure environment as code with Terraform (Container Apps, VMs, Key Vault, Cosmos DB), enabling full rebuilds in **~15 minutes**.
- Built CI/CD through Azure DevOps, cutting deployment time by **~40%** and eliminating manual release errors.
- Centralized secrets in Key Vault and enforced role-based access control across **20+** resources, strengthening security posture.

- Automated business workflows with Power Automate, Power Apps and M365, saving roughly **5 hours/week** of manual effort for non-engineering teams.

DevOps Engineer · Falgates Nigeria Limited Jul 2025 – Feb 2026

ERP platform on Contabo VPS

- Containerized a legacy ERP application with Docker, reducing environment-related failures by **~30%** and enabling consistent deployments.
- Built CI/CD from scratch, cutting deployment time from **~30 minutes** to **~5 minutes** and removing manual SSH releases.
- Configured reverse proxy, SSL and automated backups, sustaining **~99.5%** uptime for daily business operations.

DevOps Engineer · SabiRide Nov 2024 – Apr 2025

Ride-hailing platform · AWS

- Managed AWS infrastructure for a live ride-hailing platform serving **500** users, maintaining **~99.5%** availability.
- Built GitHub Actions pipelines that reduced release-cycle time by **~30%**.
- Implemented monitoring and alerting, cutting incident detection time by **~40%**.

EARLIER SECURITY EXPERIENCE

Red Team Engineer · Virtual Testing Foundation 2023

- Ran penetration tests and simulated attacks that uncovered **10+** critical vulnerabilities, delivering remediation that strengthened defenses.

Cybersecurity Analyst (Penetration Tester) · KadaHive 2022 – 2023

- Monitored security events and ran vulnerability assessments across **15+** systems, reducing exposure through preventative controls.

CERTIFICATIONS

- ISC2 Certified in Cybersecurity (CC) — 2022
- Cisco NDG Linux Essentials — 2024
- Cisco Cybersecurity Essentials — 2021
- Offensive Security Path, TryHackMe — 2023
- DevOps Engineering Program, Darey.io — 2024–2025

EDUCATION

B.Eng, Computer Engineering · Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria Jan 2025

LANGUAGES

English · Hausa · Yoruba