

AZHAN LATIF

Senior Platform Engineer

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SUMMARY

Senior platform engineer and CNCF Kubestronaut (all five Kubernetes certifications) specializing in cloud-native infrastructure, Kubernetes, and developer-velocity tooling. Led the org-wide rollout of GitLab CI/CD feature-branch deployments with reusable Helm charts and Python automation, and architected scalable AWS (EKS, Terraform) platforms behind products serving 100,000+ users. Combines deep infrastructure expertise with full-stack engineering to ship reliable, automated, production-grade systems.

SKILLS

Cloud & Orchestration: AWS (EKS, EC2, S3, SES, ELB, CloudFront), Kubernetes, Helm

IaC & CI/CD: Terraform, GitLab CI/CD, GitHub Actions, ephemeral/preview environments, zero-downtime deploys

Languages & Scripting: Python, Bash, TypeScript, JavaScript, SQL

Data: PostgreSQL, MongoDB, Elasticsearch

Application: Django, Next.js, React, Express

AI / ML: OpenAI, LangChain, ML model deployment

EXPERIENCE

Founder & Lead Platform Engineer

09/2025 – Present

AZLA Corp · Contract

Remote

- Architected backend and platform infrastructure on AWS (EKS, EC2, S3, SES, ELB, CloudFront) using Django (Python), Next.js, and PostgreSQL to scale for high-traffic workloads.
- Engineered automated GitHub Actions CI/CD pipelines for zero-downtime deployments to enterprise Kubernetes.
- Launched a consolidated multi-tenant SaaS platform for self-service content and license management, unifying previously siloed applications to support over 100,000 active students.
- Built real-time conversational AI workflows by integrating Twilio with OpenAI models through LangChain.

Lead Platform Engineer

08/2022 – 08/2025

Ramsey Theory Group

Fort Lee, United States

- Led the org-wide rollout of feature-branch (ephemeral preview) deployments on GitLab CI/CD, building reusable Helm charts and a Python DNS automation script so every merge request provisioned an isolated, fully-routed environment.
- Architected and launched eunifi.com, scaling it from 0 to 60,000 users in its first year and owning long-term scalability with Django (Python), Next.js, React, and TypeScript.
- Integrated OpenAI, LangChain, and Twilio to build AI-driven SMS workflows that let users browse cars and schedule walk-ins via text.
- Led and mentored a 15-engineer team, defining team structure and standardizing agile, full-stack practices.

Software Engineer

01/2021 – 08/2022

Best Athletes

Toronto, Canada

- Deployed machine learning models and data pipelines to AWS EKS with S3 dataset storage, finalizing the IRAP project and securing subsequent funding.
- Improved data retrieval speed by 95% by building Elasticsearch infrastructure for querying large datasets.
- Engineered and shipped critical web application features using Vue.js, Express (TypeScript), and MongoDB.

Full Stack Developer

07/2019 – 01/2021

RK Publishing

Toronto, Canada

- Improved customer fulfillment timelines by 90% through PHP application optimization, coordinating with operations.

CERTIFICATIONS

CNCF Kubestronaut — all five Kubernetes certifications (CKA, CKAD, CKS, KCNA, KCSA), Cloud Native Computing Foundation

Terraform Associate (004) — HashiCorp

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Information Technology

Oshawa, Canada

Ontario Tech University

Major in Networking and IT Security; Minor in Operations Management. Honors: President's List & Dean's List.