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Cloud Security Architect & DevSecOps Lead • CISSP

7+ years leading multi-cloud infrastructure & security (AWS • Azure • GCP • Oracle) • 50+ applications at 99.9% uptime • FinOps across 800+ resources • ISO 27001 Lead Auditor

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CERTIFIED       

Kuwait-raised (13 years) • Arabic-proficient • Open to relocation: UAE • Saudi Arabia • Qatar • Kuwait |

Notice: negotiable | Expected: AED 30,000–45,000/month (negotiable)



PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality: Pakistani

Date of Birth: 10 March 1999

Marital Status: Single

Driving Licence: Valid

Visa Status: Requires standard employer-sponsored GCC employment visa (13 yrs prior Kuwait residency)

Notice Period: Negotiable

Languages: English (bilingual) • Arabic (proficient — 13 yrs Kuwait) • Urdu (native) • Punjabi • basic Hindi, Persian, Turkish

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Cloud Security Architect and DevSecOps leader with 7+ years across AWS, Azure, GCP, and Oracle Cloud. CISSP (passed first attempt at 22). Led multi-cloud platforms serving 50+ applications at 99.9% uptime, FinOps across 800+ resources, and enterprise NOC/SOC build-outs (Wazuh • Splunk • Grafana). Deep in Zero Trust, IAM governance, Kubernetes security, and incident response — with working fluency in ISO 27001/27017/27018, PCI-DSS, SOC 2, and NCA-ECC/PDPL-style Gulf regulatory frameworks. **Raised and schooled in Kuwait for 13 years, Arabic-proficient, and culturally native to the Gulf business environment — zero adaptation ramp for GCC enterprises.**

EDUCATION

- **Three bachelor's-level credentials:** BSc Cybersecurity & Cloud Computing (ILMA, HEC-verified) • EduQual Level 6 Diploma in AI Operations (RQF 6) • CISSP (RQF 7, master's-equivalent)
- **BSc Cybersecurity & Cloud Computing** — ILMA University, Karachi • HEC-verified • CGPA 3.75 • conferred 2026 • **Advanced Cyber Security Diploma (Post-Graduate)** — IBA CICT (2026–) • VAPT labs: Burp Suite • Nmap • Nuclei • ffuf • Metasploit
- **Hifz-ul-Qur'an** (1st Position) & 4-yr Islamic Sciences Diploma — Kuwait • **Diploma in AI Operations (EduQual L6, A+) —** AI Nafi
- **A-Levels** (Commerce) — ISCP Khaitan • **O-Levels** (Sciences) — NPIS Hawalli — Kuwait

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Forward-Deployed Engineering Executive Track (2026–28)** — incl. PGP in Forward Deployed Engineering & Applied AI Solutions (FDE Academy); strategy, engagement economics, field discovery & AI governance; executed as production practicum leading enterprise observability adoption under CTO directive.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ibex — Principal Software Engineer (DevOps) → Enterprise AI Enablement

Sep 2025 – Present

Karachi, Pakistan • Hybrid • Full-time • (NASDAQ: IBEX — global CX/technology company, 23 sites)

- Leading the CTO's AI transformation agenda across 23 global sites — 8 parallel tracks: SOC automation (SIEM/SOAR), infrastructure AI-ops, and FinOps intelligence.
- Built the Enterprise Synthetic Monitoring Platform (**PULSE**) from zero — multi-site Datadog + SolarWinds integration; FastAPI + React dashboard with RBAC and SLA tracking.
- Multi-platform observability at 23-site scale — Datadog (9 synthetic suites, APM) + SolarWinds (Observe, SAM, NetFlow); FinOps across **846 resources at 100% tagging**; drove an APM quote from **~\$100K to ~\$40K/yr**; 34 CTO-level briefings.
- Hybrid AWS + Azure architecture for a **23-site on-prem → cloud migration program** — landing zones, security guardrails, architecture standards; observability extended to Azure Monitor & CloudWatch; authored RCA reports, vendor scorecards, and build-vs-buy memos.

AI Nafi International College — Lead CloudOps Manager

Mar 2025 – Dec 2025

Remote (Ontario, Canada HQ) · Full-time

- Owned secure cloud infrastructure for **50+ applications at 99.9% uptime**; built the enterprise NOC/SOC from scratch (Wazuh · Grafana · Prometheus · ELK/EFK · Splunk).
- Delivered **75% cloud cost reduction** through FinOps discipline and AI-powered automation; implemented IAM governance, risk assessment, and incident response.

AI Nafi — DevSysOps Lead Manager (6 progressive roles)

Sep 2019 – Mar 2025

Remote (Toronto, Canada HQ) · 5.5+ years

- Progressed through six roles in 5.5 years — designed secure multi-cloud and private-cloud infrastructure; led security audits, penetration testing, and vulnerability assessments.
- Deployed SIEM (Wazuh/Splunk) with SOAR-driven incident response; ensured ISO 27001/27017/27018, PCI-DSS, CIS Top 18, and SOC 2 compliance; mentored junior engineers into self-sufficient operators.
- Built all student compliance & security labs: PCI-DSS, HIPAA, CIS, OWASP WSTG/MSTG, IoT/SCADA/PLC.

SOCIRIS — Founder & CEO

Jan 2025 – Present

Karachi, Pakistan · sociris.com

- Founded an AI-powered IDS/IPS platform — detection engineering, SOAR workflows, incident-response playbooks, STRIDE threat modelling.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Cloud & Platform:** AWS · Azure · GCP · Oracle Cloud · Kubernetes (EKS/AKS/GKE) · OpenShift · Terraform · ArgoCD · landing zones & migration programs
- **Security Architecture:** Zero Trust · CSPM/CNAPP · IAM/RBAC/least-privilege · SSO · MFA · PAM · STRIDE threat modelling
- **DevSecOps:** CI/CD with SAST/DAST · container & K8s security · IaC security · secret management
- **Security Operations:** SIEM/SOAR (Wazuh · Splunk) · incident response · vulnerability management · SOC build-out
- **Governance & Compliance:** ISO 27001/27017/27018 · PCI-DSS · SOC 2 · NIST CSF · GDPR · CIS Top 18 · NCA-ECC / PDPL (KSA/UAE regulatory alignment)
- **FinOps:** Multi-cloud cost optimisation — 75% cost reduction delivered · chargeback & showback · cloud economics leadership

SIGNATURE CERTIFICATIONS

- **CISSP** — ISC² · passed first attempt at age 22; fully certified 2026 · RQF Level 7 (master's-equivalent)
- **ISO/IEC 27001:2022 Lead Auditor** — Mastermind Assurance · **ISO 27001 Master** (27001/27017/27018) — AI Nafi
- **AWS:** Security – Specialty · Advanced Networking – Specialty · Solutions Architect
- **Microsoft:** Azure Security Engineer Associate · Azure Administrator Associate · Cybersecurity Analyst Professional
- **Google Cloud:** Professional Cloud Architect · Cloud Engineer · Google Cybersecurity Professional
- **CKA (CNCF)** · **Terraform Associate** · **Docker DCA** · **GenAI Cybersecurity & Privacy for Leaders** (Vanderbilt)
- **CompTIA:** Security+ · CySA+ · PenTest+ · Network+ · Cloud+ · **Linux Foundation:** 22+ (DevSecOps · GitOps · Zero Trust · OpenSSF)

100+ certifications across 15 issuers — 32 on credly.com/users/matx104, the rest with each issuer. In progress: CKS · CISM · CRISC · OSCP · CCSP.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- **Sovereign Court** — production multi-agent AI platform: 10 autonomous agents, 150+ scheduled jobs, self-evolving memory — a live reference for secure AI-operations at enterprise scale.
- **OMNI-GRC** — AI-powered GRC automation across 8 frameworks (SOC 2 · ISO 27001 · PCI-DSS · NIST CSF · GDPR · HIPAA · FedRAMP · CMMC).
- **SOCIRIS** — AI-powered IDS/IPS — sociris.com

REFERENCES

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