



Serhii Zolotov

CLOUD PLATFORM LEAD | STAFF DEVOPS ENGINEER

Professional Summary

Open to: Engineering Manager · Staff/Principal DevOps Engineer · Cloud/Platform Architect

Cloud Platform Lead with 7+ years of experience designing, scaling, and operating cloud-native platforms for retail-scale e-commerce environments, with primary expertise in GCP and additional across AWS and Azure.

Lead a platform org of 25+ engineers across multiple squads, covering hiring, onboarding, technical growth, and promotion readiness. Delivered 15+ platform initiatives, including GCP migrations, GitOps adoption, CI/CD modernization, cloud cost optimization, SLO-driven operations, and platform security — owning shift-left scanning, secrets management, and policy-as-code across the delivery pipeline. Hands-on with Kubernetes/GKE, Terraform, GitLab CI/GitOps, observability, and AI-assisted engineering.

Recognized as 2×Team Leader of the Year (2024, 2025).

CORE SKILLS:

Engineering Leadership: team scaling, hiring, onboarding, mentoring, promotion readiness, technical reviews, and cross-squad delivery standards

Cloud Platform Engineering: GCP as primary cloud, with AWS and Azure experience; cloud architecture, migrations, cost optimization, and production reliability

AI-Assisted Engineering: Vertex AI, GitLab Duo, cost-aware tooling strategy, task-based AI adoption, and governance for engineering workflows

Kubernetes & Delivery Platforms: Kubernetes/GKE, Helm, ArgoCD, GitLab CI, Jenkins, Spinnaker, and GitOps-based delivery

Infrastructure as Code & Automation: Terraform, Ansible, Python, Bash, reusable automation, and infrastructure standardization

Security Engineering: shift-left scanning (Snyk, JFrog Xray, Trivy, GitLab SAST/DAST), secrets management (Vault, Secret Manager/KMS), policy-as-code, supply-chain and container/image hardening, and compliance controls (banking/NDA environments)

Observability & Reliability: Prometheus, Grafana, Loki, ELK, Datadog, SLO-based reliability, incident reduction, service ownership, and operational excellence

Employment History

Staff DevOps Engineer, Lead, Grid Dynamics, Ukraine / Remote

MAR 2026 – PRESENT

Lead the platform direction across DevOps, SRE, support, and dev teams for a GCP-based retail e-commerce platform, leading a platform org of 25+ engineers across multiple squads. Combine hands-on platform engineering with technical leadership, cross-team coordination, and ownership of production reliability. Define DevOps standards and drive engineering excellence across CI/CD, GitOps, observability, shift-left security, and cost efficiency. Partner with client stakeholders to shape new initiatives and align technical decisions with business priorities, and grow the team through hiring, onboarding, mentoring, and promotion readiness.

- Owned Kubernetes/GKE and CI/CD architecture decisions, improving scalability, reliability, and deployment quality

Details

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Links

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Expertise

Cloud Platform

Security Operations

Artificial Intelligence

Languages

English: C1

Ukraine: Native speaker

Hobbies

Competitive tactical gaming, where I enjoy the team coordination and fast decision-making of high-level play.

Drawing and photography, with a particular love for vintage-style and Instax formats, building small visual stories out of everyday moments.

And at home, a Maine Coon cat and a dog who make sure I step away from the keyboard to rest.

- Drove GCP cost optimization by right-sizing infrastructure and aligning cloud capacity with actual demand
- Introduced AI-assisted engineering with GitLab Duo and Vertex AI, routing tasks by complexity to balance speed, cost, and quality
- Owned platform security posture — integrated shift-left scanning (Snyk, Trivy, GitLab SAST/DAST) into CI/CD, standardized secrets management (Vault, Secret Manager/KMS), and drove policy-as-code and supply-chain hardening across teams
- Led technical reviews and SLO-driven practices that reduced incident noise and shortened MTTR

Senior DevOps Engineer, Lead, Grid Dynamics, Ukraine / Remote

APR 2023 — MAR 2026

Led multiple teams across DevOps, SRE/NOC, and product-aligned squads, owning DevOps standards and engineering excellence across them. Owned GCP infrastructure with Terraform across Kubernetes, Artifactory, and Spinnaker, and drove the platform's delivery and CI/CD modernization across Jenkins, GitLab CI, Helm, and GitOps tooling, automated in Python and Bash.

- Led the Spinnaker 'ArgoCD migration for production deployments, including the surrounding GitOps rollout, rollback strategy, and team enablement
- Led the migration from Jenkins to GitLab CI, introducing shared pipeline templates adopted across teams to standardize build, test, and deploy
- Led the GitLab self-managed 'SaaS migration, moving repositories, pipelines, and integrations onto the managed platform
- Standardized Terraform-managed GCP infrastructure into a unified platform, and introduced SLO-driven operations, zero-downtime maintenance patterns, and cross-team workflow standards

DevOps Engineer , Grid Dynamics, Ukraine / Remote

AUG 2021 — APR 2023

Took on the NOC team as team lead — combining hands-on platform engineering with people responsibilities: coordinating the team's work, supporting engineers, and owning delivery and incident response for the group. Kept containerized delivery fast and reliable by owning CI/CD pipelines, hardening image build standards, and authoring the Kubernetes runbooks other squads relied on during incidents, and stood up observability on the ELK stack for the team.

- Co-led the migration from on-prem to GKE and VMs — a rebuild of the automation and operational processes around the workloads, not a lift-and-shift
- Migrated edge delivery to Akamai — configured WAF, DNS, and edge security policies for production traffic
- Authored Kubernetes operational runbooks adopted across squads, reducing incident resolution time

Strong Junior Devops Engineer , Sigma Software, Ukraine / Remote

JAN 2020 — AUG 2021

Owned monitoring, incident response, and automation across US-based projects spanning Azure and AWS — including a security-focused startup — setting up, investigating, and resolving incidents with Zabbix, CloudWatch/CloudTrail, and Azure Monitor, and building automation to reduce manual operational work. Maintained a custom status page for on-prem VMs.

- Built and hardened Stripe payment infrastructure — implemented webhook monitoring, delivered integration improvements, and closed security gaps across the payment flow

- Built Jenkins pipelines and ran the ELK stack (Logstash for metrics, Kibana for dashboards) on an AWS project using spot instances and Docker; managed Dockerfiles and networking (OpenVPN)
- Stood up a fully on-prem delivery stack on local Azure DevOps — Build/Release pipelines, Harbor registry, Ansible roles, HashiCorp Vault for secrets and access control, ELK for logs, and certificate management for domains
- Delivered AWS infrastructure for a security-focused startup — Jenkins/Amplify deployments, ECR container registry, KMS for key management, OpenVPN access control, MySQL, and CloudWatch monitoring; spot instances for dev, standard for production

Junior Devops Engineer , Artjoker, Ukraine / Remote

OCT 2019 — DEC 2019

Supported DevOps across several NDA projects, including banking systems with strict security and compliance requirements. Built and maintained CI/CD pipelines in GitLab CI to automate build and deployment, and containerized applications with Docker and Docker Compose for consistent environments across development and deployment stages. Handled basic AWS cloud infrastructure operations, and collaborated with development and operations teams to improve deployment workflows and system stability.

Junior Systems Engineer , EPAM Systems, Ukraine / Remote

APR 2019 — OCT 2019

Built and maintained CI/CD pipelines for an OpenShift platform — configured Jenkins to automate build, test, and deployment workflows, set up templates and application rollouts, and integrated SonarQube, Nexus, and Gerrit for code quality, artifact management, and version control.

On a GCP cloud-security project, implemented governance and compliance controls as code — developed Cloud Custodian policies in Python to automate policy enforcement, provisioned GCP infrastructure with Terraform, and integrated Google Cloud APIs into automation for scalable operations.

Education

Bachelor Degree , Kharkiv Politechnic Institute, Kharkiv

SEPT 2014 — JUL 2019

Department of Computer Science and Information Technologies

Master Degree , Kharkiv Politechnic Institute, Kharkiv

SEPT 2019 — JUL 2021

Department of Information and Measurement Technologies and Systems

Courses / Certifications

Grokking the Coding Interview Patterns, Educative

JUN 2025

Grokking the Modern System Design Interview, Educative

FEB 2025 — MAR 2025

SQL (Intermediate) Certificate, HackerRank

JUN 2023

Problem Solving (Intermediate) Certificate, HackerRank

JUN 2023

GitOps with ArgoCD, Codefresh

MAR 2023

Architecting with Google Cloud Platform, Coursera

JUL 2019 – SEPT 2019

Google Cloud Certified Associate Cloud Engineer, by Linux Academy

AUG 2019 – AUG 2019

Architecting with Google Compute Engine, by coursera

AUG 2019 – AUG 2019