

# VIMAL PALIWAL

CLOUD/DEVOPS ENGINEER & AWS AUTHORISED TRAINER

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## ABOUT ME

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#DiverseExperience #AWSCertified #AuthorisedTrainer #KnowledgeHungry #GoalOriented  
#TechLover #AlwaysOpenForNewChallenges #QuickLearner #TeamLeader #SelfMotivated  
#CoffeeLover #Hodophile

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- **Amazon Web Services**
  - AWS Authorised Instructor – Champion
  - AWS Certified Solution Architect – Professional (LH65G0EKHMOV11635)
  - AWS Certified Solution Architect – Associate (6BZKCNEK1FRQ1B31)
  - AWS Certified SysOps Administrator – Associate (1GKTN3BK114EQ0SE)
  - AWS Certified Developer – Associate (XRSZ1WYKCEQ4QDGW)
  - AWS Certified Security – Specialty (1KZDCHK1LFF1QX5C)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### DevOps Engineer | Contract, Apr 2020 – Present, Modus Create, USA

- Singlehandedly migrated EKS clusters to the latest available version for stage and production environment with zero downtime
- Written shell & python script for GitLab CI/CD to maintain dynamic dev environment
- Carried out a cost analysis and reduced monthly AWS bill by nearly 40% by introducing Spot instances for dev environment and downsizing underutilised Elasticache & Aurora clusters
- Implemented RDS Proxy with IAM auth to securely and efficiently manage database connections
- Replaced instance-level IAM roles with pod level using K8s ServiceAccount to achieve least privilege access
- Hardened all EKS nodes by introducing CIS Level 1 AMI
- Introduced nginx Ingress for EKS clusters to replace AWS Load Balancer services
- Automated security patch on EKS nodes every weekend via AWS Systems Manager
- Implemented Prometheus and Grafana for K8s monitoring using Helm charts
- Setup Site-to-Site VPN connectivity for seamless on-prem connectivity

### DevOps Engineer | Freelance, May 2020 – Present, Toptal, USA

### AWS & GCP Authorised Trainer | Freelance, Mar 2020 – Present, Trainocate, India

## Cloud Consultant | Contract, Oct 2018 – Jun 2020, Coditas, Pune

- Automated infrastructure deployment of centralized logging framework which includes Kinesis Firehose, S3, SQS, SNS, ELK, API Gateway and Lambda using Terraform
- Implemented Jenkins in conjunction with AWS CodeDeploy to automate code deployment cycle
- Used Jenkins for automating deployment of containers on K8s
- Restricting user/service access to K8s cluster using custom RBAC ClusterRole/Role
- Written custom fine-grained IAM policies for restricted access to AWS services
- Implemented advanced monitoring using Sensu Core and Grafana
- Deployed secure bastion server which logs each and every activity of users
- Automated patching of Windows server with Important and Critical Updates during weekend using AWS Systems Manager

## Remote Contractor, May 2018 – June 2018, Eximchain, Singapore

- Worked on Golang, Terraform, Packer and Tencent Cloud

## Founder | Full Time, Feb 2016 – Dec 2017, Ezstrax.com, India

- Successfully established and built a payment gateway company to help businesses collect e-payments with ease and without online presence
- Managed all aspects of business from initial scoping to final testing and delivery, along with taking company to revenue stage
- Designed & developed the overall payment gateway application from scratch
- Deployed WAF for protection against OWASP attacks
- Used Terraform to manage AWS infrastructure
- Implemented CI/CD pipeline using CodeBuild, CodeDeploy, CodePipeline and GitHub

## EDUCATION

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### 2014 – 2015

#### Middlesex University, London

MSc Computer & Network Security

(Merit – 2:1)

### 2011 – 2014

#### MITSOM College, Pune

BCA (Bachelor of Computer Application)

(72.21% - First 1:1)

## SKILLS

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### IT Skills:

- **Cloud Computing** – AWS, Google Cloud
- **Scripting** – Python, Shell
- **DevOps** – Git, Terraform, Docker, Kubernetes, Jenkins, GitLab CI/CD, Helm