

# Alexander Dovnar

## DevOps & Cloud Architect

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### SUMMARY

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DevOps & Cloud Architect with 10+ years building scalable, secure infrastructure on AWS, Azure, and GCP. Deep expertise in Infrastructure as Code (Terraform, Terragrunt, Helm), Kubernetes, CI/CD, and observability. Equally effective as a hands-on engineer and a technical lead — designing cloud architectures, launching 10+ production systems end-to-end, optimizing cost, and mentoring engineers. Actively applies AI to engineering — coding agents, MCP integrations, and agentic workflows.

### SKILLS

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**Cloud:** AWS (expert), Azure, GCP, Oracle Cloud, Yandex Cloud, VK Cloud

**IaC & Automation:** Terraform / OpenTofu, Terragrunt, Helm, Helmfile, Ansible, Packer, Vault

**Containers & Orchestration:** Docker, Kubernetes, ArgoCD

**CI/CD:** GitHub Actions, GitLab CI, Jenkins, Travis CI

**Observability:** Prometheus, Grafana, Loki, VictoriaMetrics, OpenSearch, OpenTelemetry

**Security & FinOps:** IAM hardening, secrets management, SBOM / supply-chain controls, cost optimization

**AI Engineering:** AI-assisted development with coding agents (Claude Code, Cursor, GitHub Copilot); building & integrating MCP servers; agentic workflow design & LLM-driven automation

**Scripting:** Python, Bash

### EXPERIENCE

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#### Tech Lead / Senior DevOps Engineer — Naviteq Ltd

Jan 2022 – Present

- Delivered 10+ client projects end-to-end, from architecture design to production.
- Architected and deployed highly available, secure AWS infrastructure with cost optimization (saved up to 40%).
- Standardized reusable Terraform/Terragrunt templates and CI/CD pipelines across teams.
- Operated Kubernetes clusters and authored Helm charts to streamline deployments.
- Built monitoring and logging stacks with Prometheus, Grafana, Loki, and OpenSearch.
- Mentored engineers through code reviews and architecture guidance.

#### Senior DevOps Engineer — OneSoil

Aug 2021 – May 2022 (consulting)

- Designed a multi-account AWS architecture aligned to security and scalability best practices.
- Reduced cloud costs by ~30% with no loss of performance.
- Built a Kubernetes platform for scalable deployments.
- Added observability with Prometheus and Grafana.

#### Lead System Engineer — EPAM Systems

Apr 2016 – Aug 2021

- Grew from junior to lead engineer over five years.
- Designed AWS infrastructure and automated it with Terraform and Ansible.
- Built and maintained CI/CD pipelines with GitLab CI and Jenkins.
- Led the team as tech lead: planned work, assigned tasks, and reviewed solutions.
- Migrated enterprise systems to the cloud (AWS, Azure).
- Delivered several international projects across fintech and retail.

## Senior Network Engineer — RUE Beltelecom

Mar 2011 – Apr 2016

- Supported clients consuming Internet, VoIP, and IPTV services.
- Maintained the backbone network and corporate clients (VPN, Ethernet, SHDSL).
- Automated network equipment maintenance with custom scripts.

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Professional (2023–2026)
- AWS Certified Security – Specialty (2022–2025)
- Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA, 2025–2027)
- Certified Kubernetes Security Specialist (CKS, 2025–2027)
- Kubestronaut (2025)
- HashiCorp Certified: Terraform Associate
- Cisco CCNA

## COMMUNITY & PUBLIC ACTIVITY

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- DevOps Kitchen Talks — co-host (2020–present); 70+ episodes, 300k+ views
- AWS Community Builder (2023–present)
- Terragrunt Ambassador (2025–present)
- Slurm.io — author & trainer for DevOps/SRE courses (CI/CD, Kubernetes, Terraform)

## EDUCATION

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- Engineer, Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics (BSUIR), 2015 — Information Technologies and Management in Technical Systems