

# SAAD ABDULLAH

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Cloud Architect and Platform Engineer with 7+ years of experience designing, scaling, and securing enterprise-grade cloud systems for healthcare and fintech. Specialized in building compliant, high-availability Kubernetes platforms, infrastructure-as-code foundations, and automated delivery pipelines that meet strict regulatory, security, and reliability requirements.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### JUN 2021 - Present

Carbonteq | Lahore, Pakistan

#### Sr. Cloud & DevOps Engineer

*Kubernetes, Terraform, Pulumi, GitHub Actions, Helm, Docker, GCP, AWS*

- Designed HIPAA-compliant infrastructure using Terraform and Kubernetes for FirstClass Healthcare (500+ staff).
- Architected high-volume fintech system for Honeycomb (1M+ MAU) ensuring PCI-DSS alignment and 99.9% uptime.
- Implemented zero-trust connectivity with Teleport and centralized secrets management via Infisical.
- Built large-scale data pipelines for Reventure real estate platform (400K+ MAU).

### FEB 2022 - OCT 2023

Automatiq

#### Cloud & DevOps Engineer

*AWS, GCP, Jenkins, GKE, Cloud SQL*

- Led migration of legacy workloads to AWS with modernized CI/CD pipeline.
- Containerized core services and deployed to GKE and AWS environments.
- Provisioned cloud infrastructure including compute, networking, and managed databases.

### SEP 2020 - MAY 2021

ebricks-inc | Lahore, Pakistan

#### Associate DevOps Engineer

*Ansible Tower, Kubernetes, Docker*

- Managed Kubernetes-based deployments for Mesmer AI accessibility product.
- Supported infrastructure automation using Ansible Tower for configuration management.
- Contributed to containerization efforts and operational documentation.

## EDUCATION

### 2014 - 2018

Foundation University Islamabad

Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering

## CERTIFICATIONS

Google Certified Professional Cloud Architect  
Google Cloud

## LANGUAGES

English (Native or Bilingual Proficiency)

## INTERESTS

DevOps & Software Security  
Gaming & F1  
Football & Photography  
IR & Literature  
Books & Software Trends

## SKILLS

### CLOUD

GCP  
AWS  
Hybrid & On-Prem

### PLATFORM

Kubernetes  
GKE  
Docker  
Helm

### IAC

Terraform  
Pulumi  
Ansible

### CI/CD

GitHub Actions  
Jenkins  
CircleCI  
GitOps

### SECURITY

PCI/HIPAA/SOC 2  
Teleport  
Tailscale  
Infisical

### OBSERVABILITY

Datadog  
Grafana  
SLO Alerting

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Sr. Cloud & DevOps Engineer at Carbonteq

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## FirstClass Healthcare

Enterprise Clinical Platform (500+ Internal Staff)

*A comprehensive correctional health management system facilitating clinical workflows, pharmacy tracking, and patient health records in high-security institutional environments.*

- Designed and implemented a HIPAA-compliant infrastructure using Terraform and Kubernetes to support secure clinical workflows.
  - Architected a multi-environment setup integrated with Qovery to support automated ephemeral deployments, enabling rapid feature validation and testing.
  - Modernized platform access and security by replacing legacy bastions with Teleport for zero-trust connectivity and centralized auditing.
  - Streamlined secrets management and developer experience by implementing Infisical, ensuring secure and seamless delivery of environment variables across the CI/CD lifecycle.
  - Shifted security left by integrating SAST in CI/CD pipelines, enforcing severity-based build gates, and standardizing secure base images across services.
  - Designed and tuned WAF strategy, implementing targeted rate limiting and bot mitigation rules to reduce credential stuffing and abuse.
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## Honeycomb

Fintech / Insurtech Platform (1M+ Monthly Active Users)

*A modern digital insurance marketplace and underwriting engine that automates multi-family property insurance through data-driven risk assessment and instant quote generation.*

- Architected a high-volume financial transaction system ensuring PCI-DSS alignment and 99.9% uptime.
  - Led a full infrastructure security redesign using Pulumi to standardize environment provisioning, enforce compliance guardrails, and eliminate configuration drift across staging and production.
  - Improved production resilience by enforcing pod security standards, resource quotas, and autoscaling strategies to maintain stability during high-volume quote generation cycles.
  - Replaced ad-hoc secret distribution with Infisical, centralizing secrets management and ensuring encrypted, auditable secret injection across CI/CD and runtime workloads.
  - Embedded container and dependency security into GitHub Actions workflows through Trivy enforcement gates, preventing vulnerable artifacts from progressing to production.
  - Replaced static credentials with Teleport, enabling identity-aware, short-lived access to Kubernetes and cloud resources with full session auditing.
  - Designed and iteratively tuned Cloud Armor protection policies with calibrated rate limits and behavioral filtering to mitigate abuse of underwriting and payment APIs.
  - Defined autoscaling and resource management strategies aligned with underwriting traffic patterns and latency SLOs, improving system stability during peak transaction windows.
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## Reventure

Real Estate Intelligence & Data Lake Platform (400K+ Monthly Active Users)

*An interactive real estate analytics platform providing housing market intelligence, neighborhood demographics, and investment forecasting tools for property investors.*

- Developed large-scale data aggregation and analytics pipelines to power predictive investment dashboards.
- Contributed to containerizing data-processing workloads and deploying them to Kubernetes, improving consistency across development and production environments.
- Implemented horizontal pod autoscaling and resource tuning to handle periodic spikes.
- Optimized database interactions and background processing jobs to reduce latency in analytics queries and improve dashboard responsiveness.
- Supported monitoring and logging improvements across the cluster, helping identify performance bottlenecks in data-intensive workloads.