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Platform & DevOps Lead (AI-assisted)

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Platform and DevOps lead with ten years of hands-on infrastructure work. I run the full production stack of a two-country e-commerce business as code (OpenTofu, Ansible, Hetzner, GitLab CI with security gates) with complete observability, built with AI coding agents under strict release discipline. My COO background means I weigh infrastructure decisions against budget and business needs.

EXPERIENCE

Plant Garden d.o.o. (Rasadnik Milić) — Technical Lead, AI-Assisted Development

May 2026 – present · Remote · Sole technical lead for a two-country e-commerce business (Croatia, Slovenia) · infrastructure client since 2021

- Own production infrastructure as code (OpenTofu, Ansible, Podman on Hetzner) and observability (Grafana, Prometheus, Loki, Tempo, OpenTelemetry), including store and sales dashboards for the owner.
- Designed the AI delivery workflow: written working rules, a coordinator session, verification-only agent sessions, CI security gates (gitleaks, Trivy, Semgrep), staged releases and documented rollback points.
- Led the response to two WordPress breaches (Oct 2026): compromise scan, tested restore from backup, PHP 8.4 migration, nightly updates with snapshot rollback and a daily synthetic test purchase.
- Directed AI coding agents to build Flora, a headless commerce platform (Vendure, Astro) replacing WooCommerce for two country stores: 46 custom plugins and 3,300+ automated tests (Sep 2026); migration in progress.
- Built workflow automations in n8n (orders to Trello, backups, audit reports) and stock sync between stores, live since Sep 2026.

Crionis LLC — Chief Operating Officer, hands-on infrastructure

2015 – 2025 · Remote-first product studio · international clients, including the US

- Built and ran the GitLab CI/CD for Crio, a greenfield Rust product with strict security and compliance requirements: build caching, secrets and environment management, static analysis, fuzzing, container builds, vulnerability scanning and per-review environments.
- Operated Kubernetes on DigitalOcean for a SaaS backend; CI/CD for 10+ projects (GitLab CI, GitHub Actions), preview environments per merge request, Cypress checks as a deploy gate and Fastlane for iOS delivery.
- Modelled infrastructure cost at target traffic for Newsdrop and replaced a proposed Firebase setup with Kubernetes, cutting projected monthly cost by ~78% (€2,000 → €450).
- As COO in parallel: grew the team from 5 to ~30, led 25+ hires and the company's response to losing 95%+ of revenue; from 2023 brought ChatGPT and Claude into the whole team's work.

Paveljame — Independent DevOps Consultant

2018 – 2025 · Selected engagements alongside Crionis

- Designed and automated infrastructure with Terraform and Ansible; built CI/CD workflows in GitLab CI.
- Built monitoring and logging stacks (Prometheus, Grafana, Loki) and backup and restore workflows with runbooks.
- Delivered migrations across DigitalOcean and Hetzner, focused on stability and cost; client availability from ~90% to 99%+.

- One engagement (Plant Garden, from 2021) grew into a full technical lead role in 2026.

Earlier

Vermilion — co-founder of an IT agency, alongside Crionis (2016–2018) · ODIN — front-end developer, promoted to project manager within 12 months (2013–2014) · Arthur — web administrator and designer (2010–2012)

PROJECTS

CalendarDND: open-source Android app (v1.24, 2026) · **aws-activescan:** AWS cost scanner · **recon-web:** website security scanner

SKILLS

Infrastructure as code: OpenTofu/Terraform, Ansible, Bash

Containers: Podman, Docker, Kubernetes

CI/CD & security: GitLab CI, GitHub Actions, gitleaks, Trivy, Semgrep, fuzzing

Observability: Prometheus, Grafana, Loki, Tempo, OpenTelemetry

Cloud & edge: Hetzner, DigitalOcean, Cloudflare, Nginx; AWS and Azure foundational

AI: Claude Code, agent orchestration with verification gates

LANGUAGES · EDUCATION

Croatian (native) · English (professional working proficiency) · Secondary school

REFERENCES

Recommendations on LinkedIn from my former CEO of 12+ years and four colleagues.