KRISTIAN WEEKS

Cloud Network Architect

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CORE VALUES

I am an IT professional who lives every day with a smile on my face. I love helping people and organizations simplify technology. My core values include: Being accountable to myself and my coworkers. Bringing energy and a strong work ethic each day. Demonstrating mental and physical toughness. Living with integrity. Prioritizing the community. Having confidence and faith in my coworkers and the process.

WORK EXPERIENCE

K3technology | Dallas, TX - Senior Engineer

June 2024 – Present

- Designed, implemented, and managed complex network architectures integrating cloud-based and onpremises systems.
- Troubleshot complex networking, cloud, and business challenges to ensure seamless operations and client satisfaction.
- Collaborated with stakeholders, including development teams, project managers, and business units, to define technical requirements and achieve project objectives.
- Architected and managed client environments across Azure, AWS, and GCP, overseeing compute, storage, and networking components.
- Configured and managed on-premises and Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) environments, including VPNs, firewalls, subnets, load balancers, and other critical network services within Azure, AWS, and GCP.
- Designed, implemented, and managed Infrastructure as Code (IaC) using Terraform to optimize cloud resource management.
- Automated system and application configurations using Ansible, ensuring consistency and alignment with desired states.
- Leveraged APIs from AWS, Azure, and GCP to enhance infrastructure automation and operational efficiency.
- Ensured infrastructure scalability, reliability, and security, aligning configurations with the CIS framework.
- Partnered with security teams to implement and maintain network security policies and procedures.
- Acted as the subject matter expert (SME) and final escalation point for resolving network and cloud infrastructure issues.

NETRIO | McKinney, TX - Client Success Manager

Mar 2023 - May 2024

- Consulted with business owners and stakeholders to assess IT environments and qualify for Netrio MSP services
- Led the technical transition to a Fortinet-based infrastructure and security stack as a product offering.
- Establish strong working relationships with customers, vendors, software developers, and external engineers.
- Analyze customer IT infrastructures and align them with Netrio's product and service offerings, including NOCaaS.
- Perform detailed cybersecurity risk assessments and generate compliance reports using Cynomi.
- Provide detailed reports to the CTO and CEO on potential customer IT environments.
- Implement the Fortinet ecosystem, including FortiGate, FortiManager, FortiAnalyzer, and FortiNAC for multisite environments, with support for BGP and ADVPN.
- Combine FortiGate SD-WAN capabilities with security features such as Secure Web Gateway (SWG), Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB), Zero Trust Network Access (ZTNA), and Firewall-as-a-Service (FWaaS).
- Serve as the Fortinet subject matter expert, handling projects and escalated troubleshooting and support for over 1,000 endpoints.

- Implement and manage Domotz and Zabbix for a tiered NOC, enhancing network visibility and performance.
- Design and deploy advanced Fortinet solutions to improve customer security and network efficiency.
- Oversee network and security upgrades to meet compliance and business requirements.
- Collaborate with internal teams to integrate Fortinet products into broader IT strategies.

UBEO | East, TX - Sr. IT Consultant

Feb 2022 - Mar 2023

- Troubleshoot complex networking, server, and business needs for East Texas customers.
- Deploy RMM for device management, issue monitoring, and automating repetitive tasks.
- Conduct site surveys to analyze server, network, and software infrastructure to resolve user issues.
- Recommend, architect, deploy, and manage technical solutions to meet business and compliance needs.
- Design, deploy, and support multi-site Windows network environments.
- Implement and manage Ubiquiti, Dell, and Cisco network device stacks.
- Lead email migrations to Office 365.
- Configure and manage SSO for all client applications.
- Manage Azure AD and enforce Conditional Access policies for MFA, location-based access, and resource security.
- Administer on-premises Active Directory domains for multi-site environments with 1,000+ users.
- Configure Organizational Units, security groups, and Group Policies for authentication and automation.
- Sync on-prem AD with Azure AD and register applications with the Microsoft identity platform.
- Audit user permissions across Azure AD, Active Directory, and GCP.
- Partner with companies like Jasper Ventures Inc., Cherokee County Federal Credit Union, and Cherokee County Teachers Federal Credit Union to design and manage Identity and Access Management.

Weeks Works | East, TX - IT Consultant

Aug 2009 - Feb 2022

- Partnered with vendors, doctors, and healthcare administration to provide a professional networking environment.
- Served as the main point of contact for helpdesk-level support. This included PC, printer, VoIP, and basic troubleshooting.
- Honed communication skills from troubleshooting issues of technology through phone, email, and face to face contact.

EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University (SMU) | Dallas, TX | Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (2015)

Southern Methodist University (SMU) | Dallas, TX | NCAA Division I Football Scholarship Athlete

Southern Methodist University (SMU) | Dallas, TX | Contemporary Sociological Theory Certification (2014)

Southern Methodist University (SMU) | Dallas, TX | Creative Computation Certification (2013)

Southern Methodist University (SMU) | Dallas, TX | SMU Emerging Leader Certification (2011)

CERTIFICATIONS

Google Associate Cloud Engineer | July 2022

Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) | Oct 2022

AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner | Jan 2023

Microsoft Certified Azure Administrator Associate | Nov 2023

Fortinet Certified Associate Cybersecurity | Jan 2024

Fortinet FortiGate 7.4 Operator | Jan 2024