

Aditya Gundecha

Engineering Leader — Platform & DevOps

Engineering Manager · Head of Platform · Director of Engineering

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Engineering leader in the platform and DevOps space with 12+ years of experience turning software delivery into a strategic advantage. I set technical direction, shape delivery strategy and build the engineering culture that lets organisations ship faster and at scale. Currently lead a platform team of around 20 engineers and have mentored close to 80 engineers across teams and clients. Proven record of leading cloud-native transformations, re-platforming large microservice estates, and converting platform ownership into measurable business value (including \$1.5M annual Azure savings). Seeking Engineering Manager, Head of Platform or Director of Engineering roles.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Platform & DevOps Leadership · Engineering Team Management · Delivery & Transformation Strategy · Cloud Architecture (Azure, AWS) · Platform-as-a-Product · CI/CD & Automation · Kubernetes & Containers · Observability · Shift-Left & Security-First Culture · Cost Optimisation · Mentoring & Capability Building · Stakeholder & Vendor Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Senior DevOps Engineer, New Look

2022 — Present

- Lead a platform team of ~20 engineers, owning delivery strategy and engineering culture across New Look's e-commerce platforms.
- Set the delivery strategy for the Fabric programme, moving the organisation from monthly releases to on-demand delivery and meeting a board-level business metric for rapid feature deployment.
- Made shift-left, quality-first delivery the default — embedding QA earlier in the lifecycle and reducing post-production defects while accelerating release cycles.
- Championed DevOps culture across the programme and wider organisation, aligning development and operations on shared ownership and increasing deployment frequency and reliability.
- Directed the automation roadmap that removed manual release toil, significantly reducing deployment times and improving uptime.
- Grew team and partner-department capability through mentoring and coaching in CI/CD and cloud automation.

Senior DevOps Consultant, Equal Experts

2021 — 2022

- Led cross-functional teams delivering cloud infrastructure for John Lewis, Waitrose and O2 across Azure and AWS.
- Authored cloud-governance frameworks guiding client teams to scalable, secure and cost-effective cloud, with knowledge transfer that left capability in-house.
- Owned the migration strategy for critical O2 services, coordinating internal client teams and external partners through delivery.
- Ran leadership workshops equipping team leads at John Lewis and Waitrose with advanced DevOps and cloud-native practice.
- Mentored engineers across engagements, building a culture of continuous learning in cloud management, security and automation.

Senior DevOps Engineer, Siemens PLM (MindSphere)

2018 — 2021

- Led teams through the move from Application Service Environment to Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS), setting the target architecture and migration approach.
- Established multi-cloud CI/CD pipelines from scratch, giving teams a repeatable delivery path across environments.
- Directed the observability strategy on Azure-native tooling plus Grafana and Prometheus for a shared view of production health.
- Owned a cost-optimisation initiative saving up to \$1.5M per year on Azure infrastructure.
- Oversaw delivery of 50+ services on Azure DevOps and the re-homing of ~80 microservices onto a modern, observable platform.

Software Engineer, Siemens PLM (MindSphere)

2013 — 2018

- Core member of the founding Cloud inception team that stood up the MindSphere PaaS, automating deployments for 32+ microservices across 4 lines of business.
- Drove the migration of 40+ application instances from on-premise infrastructure to Azure public cloud.
- Removed 50,000+ lines of deprecated code from a \$1.2M project baseline, reducing development overhead and risk.
- Owned availability of production and development systems built largely on Azure VMs and AKS.

Java Developer, Siemens PLM (Teamcenter)

2012 — 2013

- Authored 50+ technical design documents and implemented business logic for 20 features.
- Contributed to an Android application (Code Review application) selected for patent registration.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Cloud: Azure, AWS, Multi-Cloud

Containers & Orchestration: Docker, Kubernetes, Azure Kubernetes Service (AKS)

CI/CD & Automation: Azure DevOps, CI/CD pipelines, Infrastructure Automation

Observability: Grafana, Prometheus, Azure Monitor

Practices: DevOps culture, Shift-Left, Security-First, SRE

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science — University of Pune