

# Alexander Holodak

DevOps Director · Cloud Architect · IT Consultant

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DevOps Director and cloud architect with 10+ years building and owning infrastructure end-to-end — from CI/CD pipelines and multi-platform publishing to enterprise-scale AWS and Azure environments. Hands-on leader who operates equally well as a team builder, sole owner, and fractional executive.

## EXPERIENCE

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### DevOps Director · Polyarc, Inc.

July 2022 – Present

*Award-winning game studio (Seattle, WA) · Remote from NJ · 50-person distributed team*

- Owns **end-to-end CI/CD pipeline**: Unreal Engine 5 BuildGraph, Unreal Game Sync, TeamCity, Octopus Deploy, Perforce (P4, P4 Code Review / Swarm, P4 DAM), GitHub Actions workflows
- Manages multi-platform publishing across Steam, Meta Oculus, PlayStation, Nintendo, XBOX, Apple App Store
- Manages AWS, Azure (including PlayFab), and Google Cloud environments supporting game backend services, authentication, and dev tooling
- Designed and launched back-end infrastructure services for Glassbreakers: Champions of Moss's Ruby on Rails API with AWS TypeScript CDK in collaboration with Engineering team
- Enabled Polyarc's expansion to a fully distributed US/Canada studio of 20+ by designing its remote work infrastructure from the ground up — standing up Entra ID SSO, OpenVPN, Tailscale, and high-speed source control and NAS access.
- Drives **cloud cost optimization** and SaaS license audits to eliminate waste across a distributed team
- Led studio-wide formal rollout of **AI productivity tooling** — Claude, ChatGPT, GitHub Copilot, and JetBrains AI — across staff and engineering teams
- Manages all vendor relationships including ISPs, SaaS providers, and colocation facilities — handling procurement, contract negotiation, and ongoing account management across the studio's technology stack
- **Sole IT owner** for a 50-person distributed studio — covering helpdesk support, PC building, hardware procurement, and end-to-end repair across remote and on-site staff
- Led studio website redesign alongside Creative and Marketing teams using Webflow

### Chief Technology Officer · DGDean

June 2015 – July 2022

*Full-service technology & DevOps consultancy · New York, NY · AWS Partner*

- Managed **300+ production servers** on AWS and Azure for clients including Loeb NYC, SingleCare (RxSense / ScriptRelief), Energizer Product Holdings (Beeby Clark+Meyler), EverTransit, 3x3 Insights, ACE ComicCon, SingleComm, NKBA, MobiSave, Linkbee, and more
- **Led and managed a team** of DevOps engineers and developers across client engagements and internal infrastructure operations
- Maintained HIPAA and PCI-compliant cloud environments across applicable client workloads
- Reduced cloud spend by **30%** through AWS Savings Plans, Reserved Instances, and systematic SaaS license audits across distributed client teams
- Led AWS Partner relationship; directed 24x7 offshore NOC before implementing PagerDuty for automated alert management
- Led zero-downtime cloud migrations for established companies; modernized workloads for auto-scaling, fault tolerance, and security best practices

- Core stack: AWS (EC2, RDS, S3, Cloudfront, WAF, ECS, ElastiCache, Elasticsearch, Cloudwatch, EFS, DataSync, Cloudformation); Jenkins, Bamboo, Octopus Deploy; Datadog; Tableau Server; Aurora MySQL, SQL Server; WordPress, Drupal, Sitefinity; JIRA, Confluence

**Global Digital Manager** · [NeuroLeadership Institute](#)

April 2013 – June 2015

*New York, NY*

- Built and launched NLI's flagship website and digital product demonstration portal
- Managed global digital infrastructure and technical support across North America and Europe
- Administered Atlassian Confluence and NetSuite CRM global rollouts

**Patent Paralegal Assistant** · [Perkins Coie LLP](#)

Oct 2010 – Jan 2012

*Seattle, WA*

- Reviewed patent correspondence and prepared response documents for attorneys representing major technology firms
- Developed and presented firm-wide technology seminars to staff across national offices

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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**Cloud & Infrastructure:** AWS (EC2, ECS, RDS, S3, Cloudfront, WAF, ElastiCache (Redis), Elasticsearch, Cloudwatch, EFS, DataSync, Cloudformation / CDK (TypeScript), VPC, Route53, Secrets Manager, EBS, Savings Plans), Microsoft Azure, EntraID, InTune, Google Cloud Platform (GCP), pfSense, UniFi, OpenVPN, Tailscale, XCP-NG / Proxmox

**DevOps & CI/CD:** Docker, Octopus Deploy, JetBrains TeamCity, GitHub Actions, PagerDuty, Datadog, SaltStack, Jenkins, Atlassian Bamboo

**Game Dev / Build Systems:** Unreal Engine 5, Unreal BuildGraph, Unreal Game Sync (UGS), Unreal Horde, Perforce (P4, P4 Swarm, P4 DAM), PlayFab, Steam, Meta/Oculus, PlayStation, XBOX, Nintendo, Apple Vision Pro

**AI Tooling:** Claude, ChatGPT, GitHub Copilot, JetBrains AI — evaluation, procurement, and studio-wide rollout

**Databases:** Aurora MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server

**Systems:** Linux, Windows Server, macOS, VoIP & network infrastructure, PC building & hardware

**Compliance:** HIPAA, PCI-DSS, SOC2, AWS WAF & security best practices

**Web & Platforms:** Atlassian (Jira, Confluence, StatusPage), Webflow, Wordpress, Ruby on Rails, NetSuite, HTML5/CSS/PHP

**CERTIFICATIONS**

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**AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate (2019)**

**AWS Certified Cloud Practitioner (2019)**

**EDUCATION**

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**B.A., Political Science · Minor in Sociology**

2007 – 2010

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ