

DEJAN STEFANOSKI

Lead DevOps & Cloud Engineer

GitOps - Kubernetes - Terraform - AWS - Cloud Security

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Lead DevOps & Cloud Engineer with 15+ years in software and 6+ years focused on cloud platform engineering. Repeatedly brought into high-stakes environments - a national telecom operator, a cybersecurity startup through its acquisition by Check Point - to single-handedly design, build and document the production-grade, zero-trust AWS and Kubernetes GitOps platforms that survive technical due diligence. Deep Terraform/IaC, GitHub Actions OIDC CI/CD, EKS/ArgoCD and cloud security. Founder of Tara Vision and creator of the open-source taracode DevOps AI assistant. Remote-first, EU timezone.

CORE TECHNICAL COMPETENCIES

- **Cloud & Kubernetes:** AWS (EKS, ECS, Lambda, CloudFront, Route 53, VPC, IAM Identity Center, KMS, RDS/Aurora, WAF, Secrets Manager), GCP (Organizations / landing zones, GKE, Cloud Run), Kubernetes, ArgoCD, Helm, Kustomize
- **IaC & GitOps:** Terraform, Terragrunt, CloudFormation, Ansible, reusable module design, multi-account / multi-region landing zones, GitOps (app-of-apps)
- **CI/CD & Security:** GitHub Actions, OIDC keyless pipelines, zero-trust IAM least-privilege, secrets management, AWS WAF, private CA/PKI, PKCS#11/QES e-signing, DevSecOps, disaster recovery
- **Languages & Tooling:** Go, Python, TypeScript, Bash, Docker, Nginx, PostgreSQL, observability (CloudWatch, X-Ray)

EXPERIENCE

Tara Vision, LLC - Founder & Independent DevOps / Cloud Engineer (B2B contracting entity)

2019 - Present

The entity I contract through and the home of an independently shipped product and open-source portfolio (see Founder Portfolio). The client engagements below were delivered as an embedded lead through Tara Vision.

Cyclops Security, a Check Point Company - Lead DevOps & Cloud Engineer | GitOps-IaC

Remote | December 2025 - March 2026

- Sole DevOps and Cloud engineer; single-handedly delivered the full platform roadmap (scoped for a 2-3 engineer team) in ~4 months, from zero to production.
- Designed and built a 2-account, 2-region AWS EKS GitOps platform: 9 reusable Terraform modules, 10 environment stacks (~6,800 lines of IaC), 6+ EKS clusters, ArgoCD app-of-apps delivery.
- Implemented fully keyless CI/CD with GitHub Actions OIDC (no static cloud credentials), plan-on-PR / apply-on-merge with environment gating; removed all bastion hosts and SSH (SSM Session Manager + IAM access entries only).
- Architected a global "unified URL" using CloudFront + Lambda@Edge for JWT-based regional routing to US/EU backends, preserving EU data sovereignty with zero frontend changes.
- Hardened the production edge for security review (AWS WAF managed rule sets + rate limiting, strict security-header policy); zero secrets in Git (External Secrets Operator + Secrets Manager).
- Built and documented to acquisition-grade audit standard (ADRs, disaster recovery and operational runbooks); company acquired by Check Point.

Telenor Sweden (national telecom operator) - AWS Lead Cloud Engineer & Cloud Architect | GitOps-IaC

Remote | May 2024 - October 2025

- Owned the GitOps IaC platform for the entire telenor.se AWS estate (CloudFormation + Terraform) across a dev/test/stage/prod multi-account landing zone.
- Ran ~30 independent, keyless GitHub Actions pipelines federated via OIDC into 5 AWS accounts with zero long-lived credentials.
- Engineered shared-ALB traffic routing at scale: 110 host/path listener rules serving 4 product teams, with documented governance against AWS service limits.
- Delivered the data tier on Aurora PostgreSQL with customer-managed KMS (key rotation) and IAM database authentication; plus Client VPN, WAF and CloudFront.
- Drove cost optimization (scheduled autoscaling, cost tagging) with immutable/rolling deployment safety.

monday.com via OpsGuru (a Carbon60 company) - Senior DevOps & Cloud Engineer | Multi-Cloud Landing Zones

Remote | August 2022 - January 2024

- Authored a 36-module reusable Terraform library (networking, security and governance, platform, data) consumed across multiple client landing zones.
- Built a hardened multi-cloud baseline: a 7-account AWS Organizations landing zone (CloudTrail, GuardDuty, IAM federation, isolated security/log accounts) and a GCP organization hierarchy with Shared VPC and VPC Service Controls.
- Delivered a self-service Internal Developer Platform (Port.io + GitHub Actions) with keyless Workload Identity Federation for on-demand GCP environment and cluster provisioning via GitOps.

- Stood up a multi-tenant Cloud Run app-hosting platform for an enterprise SaaS client, auto-provisioning isolated per-tenant projects with signed deployment callbacks.
- Embedded security by default (org policies, Cloud Armor, org-wide audit sinks, least-privilege service accounts, IaC validation gates).

EARLIER CAREER (2013 - 2022)

9+ years as Senior Software, DevOps and Cloud Engineer, Tech Lead and Head of Development across the Netherlands, Belgium and Macedonia - Picturae, MYLAPS Sports Technology, Leaseweb, Seavus, Amygdalab, Slice and others. Progression from full-stack engineering (PHP, Python, JavaScript) and senior system engineering into cloud architecture and DevOps, including team leadership and software architecture roles.

FOUNDER PORTFOLIO & OPEN SOURCE

- **taracode** (open source, MIT) - github.com/tara-vision/taracode: a Go, fully local-LLM terminal AI assistant for DevOps and multi-cloud - 58 built-in tools, a 7-agent orchestration system, native MCP client support and persistent project memory; runs entirely on a bring-your-own LLM (no cloud, no telemetry); focused on Kubernetes, Terraform, Docker and AWS/GCP workflows.
- **денар.мкд** - a mobile-first e-invoicing SaaS for Macedonia (Go + Vue 3 + PostgreSQL) integrated end-to-end with the UJP government e-invoicing API, including qualified hardware-token (PKCS#11 / QES) and software e-signing, Stripe billing, and a closed pre-launch security audit.
- **Self-hosted, 100% Infrastructure-as-Code platform** (Terraform + Ansible) - a multi-host production ecosystem with private CA/PKI, DNS, container registry, GPU/CPU AI failover and documented disaster-recovery runbooks; the basis of deep Ansible and SRE experience.

EDUCATION

- **BEng, Computer Science & Engineering** - University of Information Science & Technology, Ohrid, Macedonia (2010 - 2014). Rector's Award for Academic Excellence.
- **Cyber Defense, Computer Crime & Forensics** (student exchange) - Norwich University, USA (2012).

CERTIFICATIONS

- Google Cloud Professional Cloud Architect
- Google Cloud Associate Cloud Engineer
- AWS Partner Accreditations (Technical, Cloud Economics, Sales)
- EF SET English Certificate - C2 Proficient

LANGUAGES

English (C2), Macedonian (native), Serbian (native)