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Summary

Solutions architect with 12 years translating regulated-cloud constraints into secure, implementable platforms. Leads discovery, technical evaluations, migration roadmaps, and executive tradeoff decisions from first workshop through production handoff.

Experience

Principal Solutions Architect, Northstar Cloud 2021 – Present

- Led discovery and reference architecture for a regulated cloud migration spanning 46 applications, aligning identity, networking, data residency, and deployment guardrails with security and product teams.
- Designed a proof of concept against the buyer’s integration and latency criteria; converted the results into an implementation plan approved by engineering, security, and procurement.
- Defined a multi-cloud workload-placement framework that made resilience, operating ownership, and cost tradeoffs explicit for platform leadership.
- Coached 8 architects on decision records and review standards, reducing repeated design questions during delivery handoffs.

Senior Cloud Architect, Harbor Systems 2017 – 2021

- Facilitated architecture workshops for enterprise programs spanning application, data, security, and operations stakeholders across North America and Europe.
- Created reusable landing-zone and integration patterns adopted by 6 delivery teams for consistent cloud implementation.
- Mapped nonfunctional requirements to testable acceptance criteria for availability, recovery, throughput, and auditability.

Solutions Engineer, Rainier Data Services 2013 – 2017

- Built customer demonstrations around real data flows and security constraints instead of generic feature tours.
- Partnered with delivery leads to estimate migration scope, document technical risks, and establish ownership before kickoff.

Education

BS, Information Systems, University of Washington 2013

Certifications

AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Professional (Amazon Web Services, 2025)

Microsoft Certified: Azure Solutions Architect Expert (Microsoft, 2024)

Skills

Architecture: Reference Architecture, Cloud Migration, Integration, Nonfunctional Requirements

Platforms: AWS, Azure, Kubernetes, Terraform

Security: Identity and Access Management, Data Residency, Architecture Governance