



SUMMARY

IT Director-level professional with 15+ years of experience leading infrastructure, cloud, and DevOps environments, focused on scalability, reliability, and security of production systems.

Combines strategic ownership of IT direction with hands-on technical depth, working closely with stakeholders to align infrastructure with business needs.

Experience working in organizations of up to ~100 people, supporting infrastructure across both internal operations and client-facing systems.

Notable work includes collaboration with Bitdefender on virtualization and infrastructure systems, including [Bitdefender for VE](#).

EXPERIENCE

Head of IT & Partner relations [Kokai Studio](#) **The Hague - Netherlands** **03.2025 – current**
 Defining and leading IT strategy and infrastructure at Kokai Studio, responsible for end-to-end systems across internal and client-facing environments, driving scalability, reliability, security, and supporting B2B partnerships.

Responsible for IT budgeting and cost planning, defining budgets across IT and development functions and presenting them for approval, typically in the €1–2M range.

SysOps / DevOps freelance [the-mill.nl](#) **The Hague - Netherlands** **11.2022 – 03.2025**
Clients: [chess.com](#), [soundstack.com](#), [ethernity.cloud](#), various international intergovernmental agencies
 Defined infrastructure architecture, implemented automation (Ansible), and improved security of web applications, with focus on reliability and maintainability.
 Worked on production systems under load, supporting scaling requirements, operational stability, and infrastructure decision-making.

SysOps / DevOps freelance [ldcore.com](#) **Bucharest - Romania** **08.2016 – 10.2022**
Clients: [livigent.com](#), [americangreetings.com](#), [anritsu.com](#), [gentechsolution.com](#)
 Led the design and scaling of SaaS infrastructure, overseeing hypervisor-based environments, automation (Ansible), GitOps workflows, and operational processes including on-call.
 Covered infrastructure lifecycle from architecture and deployment to reliability, maintenance, and security.

System & Network Administrator [Kalon Global Group](#) **Bucharest - Romania** **07.2014 – 07.2016**
 Acted as primary owner of IT infrastructure, covering systems, networking, and operational support, while taking on responsibilities typically associated with IT management.

Linux/Unices QA Team Lead [Bitdefender](#) **Bucharest - Romania** **08.2011 – 06.2014**
 Started as Linux QA engineer, implementing automated testing frameworks, and progressed to leading a team of 4 engineers. Responsible for test strategy, coordination, and delivery across Linux/Unix environments.

Senior TechSupport Engineer [IBM](#) **Bucharest - Romania** **09.2010 – 07.2011**

Linux Testing Engineer [RNDSOft](#) **Bucharest - Romania** **10.2007 – 08.2010**

Technical Engineer [Open Society Foundation](#) **Bucharest - Romania** **09.2005 – 09.2006**

Education

BSc in Mathematics - University Spiru Haret **Bucharest - Romania** **09.2006 - 06.2009**

Cisco CCNA - Cisco Academy **Bucharest - Romania** **2007**

SKILLS

Leadership & IT Direction

Leading infrastructure and systems engineering efforts, defining technical direction, aligning IT with business needs, and ensuring reliable delivery. Combining strategic oversight with hands-on involvement in critical incidents and decision-making.

Cloud & Infrastructure

AWS. Azure. DigitalOcean. OVH. Scaleway

Designing and operating production environments with focus on scalability, reliability, cost optimization, and long-term maintainability

Containers & Automation

Kubernetes. Docker. Terraform. Ansible. GitOps

Driving adoption of containerized platforms and infrastructure-as-code to standardize deployments and improve operational efficiency

Monitoring & Reliability

Prometheus. Grafana. ELK. Splunk

Establishing monitoring, alerting, and observability practices to support reliability, incident response, and system health

Networking & Security

TCP/IP (IPv4/IPv6). VPNs (IPsec. WireGuard. OpenVPN). Cisco. Mikrotik

Designing secure network architectures, implementing segmentation, access control, and security-minded infrastructure practices

Systems & Virtualization

Linux (Debian. Ubuntu. RHEL). VMware. KVM. Proxmox

Managing systems and virtualized environments supporting production workloads and service availability

Databases & Scripting

MySQL. PostgreSQL. MongoDB. Python. Bash. Go

Supporting data layer reliability, automation, and operational tooling

Operational Excellence

Incident response, root-cause analysis, documentation, change management

Ensuring stability of production systems and continuous improvement of operational processes

Debugging & Analysis

tcpdump. Wireshark. strace. gdb

Deep troubleshooting across infrastructure, network, and application layers