

# Bradley Stannard - DevOps + GCP

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DevOps Engineer currently based in Reading, happy to relocate! Prefer working from home with my standing desk, but as long as the office is close, happy to commute.

- [Linkedin](#)
- [Website](#)
- [Portfolio](#)

I'm an experienced Google Cloud DevOps engineer, who enjoys working with Kubernetes and GitHub actions.

My background is in networking and Automation of Datacenter systems, but I've since become a cloud lover!

I've worked at Google cloud partners on the customer success team, as well as Engineering team, so I'm well versed in supporting customers from 0 cloud to hero-cloud!

## Experience

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### Pets at Home Group, plc

January 2022 - Present

#### Responsibilities and Tasks

- Owning and operating the Google Cloud Platform (GCP)
- Cost reduction of systems through rightsizing and consolidation
- Re-platforming applications
- Leading the Applications and Services team on platforming the Internal Developer Portal (IDP)
- Deploying and maintaining first Kubernetes cluster (GKE) for the company
- Designing and Implementing Flux for GitOps
- Building out CI on GitHub actions generating £6m revenue
- Designed custom modules and Terraform to deploy and manage the entire platform. No more clickops!
- Integrated GKE with Secret manager [despite no official support](#)
- Writing custom helm charts for GKE applications
- Release lead for Analytics deployments
- Terraforming deployment of Tableau server, generating £m+ revenue
- Re-designing the Interconnected VPC with our DataCentre coordinating with BT Enterprise

### Gesellschaft für Technologietransfer (GFT) + Deutsche bank

September 2021 - January 2022

#### Responsibilities

- Writing GitHub actions for the SDLC team
- Re-designed Azure DevOps ticket templates to better convey requirements and urgency
- Working on GCP Landing Zone team to build documentation
- Teaching New Grads Markdown and GitHub actions

## (Root Level Technology, later rebranding to) Waltlabs.io

April 2020 - August 2021

### Responsibilities

- Managing CIS benchmark for Datacenter using Upguard (Now CloudHouse)
- Developed Ansible playbook to ensure compliance with CIS benchmark
- Remote Upgrade of Ansible 6 to 7
- Managed infrastructure for company website
- Engineered HA WordPress for Client on AWS, with AutoScaling in Terraform
- Custom built test environment for WordPress
- Built custom systems for integrating internal systems with one another (Website to; Salesforce, mailchimp, Google sheets and Jira) to better serve sales leads
- Engineer as part of Customer success team on calls with clients to collect technical information and write technical propositions
- Managed companies Google Workspace Account
- Assisted with systems rebranding from Root Level Tech to waltlabs.io
- Ran user onboarding for all international offices
- Wildcard engineer (Did what ever was asked)
- Lead project implementing DataDog for Clients monitoring needs

## Cerulean Solutions

January 2019 - April 2020 (Apprenticeship)

### Responsibilities

- First Line support engineer
- Managed patching for **all** client Windows servers and client devices
- Supported clients network
- Network Troubleshooting
- Hardware support (replacing system boards)
- Specialized in recovery from Crypto-lockers
- Designed automation for setting up customer laptops, taking time to *use* from 2 hours to 15 minutes
- Managed customers antivirus and anti-malware systems with fast response times
- Data recovery Specialist
- Dealing with SQL server issues and daily fixes of customer systems where malformed SQL was an issue
- Migrating SBS server to Windows server 2019
- Lead Exchange to Office 365 migration for customer
- Managed Customer Mail Archive server and dealing with GDPR and SAR's

## Interesting things about me

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- I run a [k3s cluster at home](#) with [OIDC authentication against Azure Entra](#) (FKA Azure AD)
- The analytics software for my websites runs on the above cluster
- All my DNS is managed in Terraform
- I have a Motorbike
- I opensourced all my [personal documentation](#) in 2022 and contribute on average once a day
- My costco membership photo is not as bad as my driver's license