

# Karamjit Brar

DevOps Engineer — Cloud & Automation Specialist

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## Technical Skills

**Cloud & DevOps:** AWS, GCP, Kubernetes, Terraform, Jenkins, Docker, Ansible, SaltStack, Prometheus, Splunk  
**Programming & Scripting:** Python, Java, Groovy, Bash, SQL, PowerShell  
**CI/CD & Automation:** GitLab CI/CD, GitOps, Infrastructure as Code (IaC), Serverless Architectures, Monitoring & Observability  
**Operating Systems:** RHEL9, Ubuntu, Windows Server

## Certifications

<b>Certified Kubernetes Administrator (CKA)</b>	July 2025
<b>AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate</b>	Jan 2025
<b>AWS Certified Developer – Associate</b>	Sep 2024

## Work Experience

<b>System Engineer</b> Questrade, Toronto, ON	Dec. 2023 – Present
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- Engineered Jenkins pipelines for VM deployment on vSphere and GCP using Terraform, reducing **deployment time by 90%**.
- Automated AWS Workspaces creation by implementing **serverless architecture**, utilizing API Gateway and AWS Lambda functions, triggered through Jira web request.
- Implemented cost tracking & optimization strategies utilizing Tags and Cloud Custodian, **saving \$12000 per month**.
- Led enterprise-wide SaltStack Highstate rollout for 500+ RHEL servers; built **Splunk** log ingestion, ran KT sessions, and made salt states idempotent.
- Conducted cross-cloud network performance tests using **Flent/Netperf** across GCP, Azure and on-prem via Equinix FCR.
- Deployed reverse proxy for **Algosec** in a restricted VLAN; managed SSL certificates and Entra ID SSO reply URLs to maintain compliance and availability.

<b>Infrastructure Engineer Intern</b> Questrade, Toronto, ON	May 2023 – Dec. 2023
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- Built **Bash/Python** GitLab pipeline to sync Palo Alto Prisma data with Device42, improving asset accuracy.
- Build Gitlab pipeline to run automated tests when Salt states are pushed to repo.
- Enhanced security by replacing hard coded credentials with environment variables across **Terraform and Packer** codebases.
- Automated Salt agent recovery processes via Jenkins, resolving configuration failures within 15 minutes using SSH/WinRM.
- Packaged and distributed applications via Chocolatey and internal **Jfrog Artifactory** enabling standardized installations across **200+ Windows servers**.

<b>DevOps Engineer Intern</b> CGI Inc., Markham, ON	Sep. 2022 – Apr. 2023
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- Led a migration from **Jira cloud to Jira data center** version, overcame integration issues by setting up staging environment, handling server provisioning and backups to ensure smooth transition.
- Automated issue synchronization between Jira projects using **Groovy** and scriptRunner, eliminating manual effort.
- Managed both new and existing Jira projects, leading the transition from Excel to Jira to drive organization-wide adoption.

## Education

**Bachelor of Science, Computer Science** — GPA: 3.8/4.0  
York University, Toronto, ON