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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven FinOps professional with 6+ years of experience optimizing multi-cloud infrastructure costs and driving financial efficiency across AWS, Azure and GCP environments. Proven track record of reducing cloud spend by 25% through automated solutions, real-time monitoring, and cross-functional collaboration. Expert in building programmatic cost optimization processes, implementing governance frameworks, and cultivating cost-conscious engineering cultures. Strong background in financial forecasting, vendor management, and translating complex technical decisions into business value.

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## CORE COMPETENCIES

**FinOps & Cloud Financial Management** • Multi-Cloud Cost Optimization (Azure, AWS, GCP,) • Financial Forecasting & Budget Management • Cost Allocation & Chargeback Models • Resource Right-sizing & Waste Elimination.

**Technical & Automation** • Infrastructure-as-Code (IaC) Integration • Automated Dashboards (Power BI, Scripts and APIs) • Cost Anomaly Detection & Alerting • API Integration & Scripting (Python, Bash, Linux).

**Leadership & Collaboration** • Cross-functional Stakeholder Management • FinOps Culture & Best Practice Evangelism • Vendor Relationship Management • Technical Training & Knowledge Transfer.

**Cloud Platforms & Tools** • Monitoring: Apmio products, Custom Dashboards • Governance: Resource Tagging, Policy Enforcement • Azure: Cost Management, RIs & Savings Plans • AWS: Cost Explorer, Budgets, SCPs, Savings Plans • GCP: Committed Use Discounts (CUDs), Cost Management.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Next Retail Limited | Cloud FinOps Analyst (Azure & GCP) | OCT 2025

- **Cost Optimization & Financial Management:** • Developing, implementing and optimizing FinOps policies and processes from scratch. • Proactively identify and implement cost-saving opportunities through resource optimization, reservations, utilization tracking, and performance practices such as instance rightsizing, workload optimization, and auto-scaling to maximize ROI on cloud investments. • Creation and management of cloud budgets, ensuring alignment with financial goals, accurate allocation across teams, and adherence to budgeting and forecasting techniques. • Continuously monitor and analyze cloud spending to identify trends, patterns, and anomalies, focusing on Microsoft Azure environments using tools like Azure Cost Management and Azure Advisor.
- **Automation & Reporting:** • Develop and manage financial dashboards using Microsoft Power BI and Google Sheets to provide regular insights, reports, and forecasts, supporting data-driven decision-making for stakeholders. • Leverage scripting & IaC (e.g., PowerShell, Terraform) for automation of reporting and cost monitoring tasks to enhance efficiency.
- **Governance & Policy Development:** • Execute and continuously improve FinOps policies and best practices, defining and reporting on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to foster financial accountability and promote a culture of responsible cloud usage.
- **Collaboration & Stakeholder Management:** • Collaborate with cloud architects, DevOps, finance, procurement and leadership teams to embed FinOps principles and promote responsible cloud usage.

### Taylor & Eyre Limited | FinOps Engineer (AWS) | Nov 2022 – Apr 2025

- **Cost Optimization & Financial Management:** • Delivered 25% reduction in cloud waste through systematic analysis using AWS Cost Explorer, Budgets, and Cost Anomaly Detection • Developed and implemented multi-layered cost optimization strategies including EC2 right-sizing, idle resource elimination, and strategic use of AWS Savings Plans • Led financial forecasting initiatives, creating accurate quarterly and annual cloud budget projections aligned with business growth targets •

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Collaborated with Finance and Procurement teams to optimize contract renewals and implement consolidated billing strategies

- **Automation & Programmatic Solutions:** • Built automated Power BI dashboards providing real-time visibility into AWS spend, usage trends, and budget performance across 15+ business units • Created Python-based automated cost reporting system using AWS APIs, reducing manual reporting effort by 80% and eliminating data errors • Implemented self-service cost monitoring tools enabling development teams to track and optimize their own resource consumption • Developed automated shutdown scripts for non-production environments, achieving 30% cost reduction in dev/test infrastructure
- **Governance & Culture Building:** • Established comprehensive resource tagging policies and Service Control Policies (SCPs), improving cost allocation accuracy by 95% • Acted as FinOps evangelist, conducting training sessions for 50+ engineers and product managers on cost-conscious development practices • Embedded cost optimization principles into development lifecycle processes, creating guidelines for Infrastructure-as-Code implementations • Led quarterly cloud spend reviews with senior leadership, presenting data-driven recommendations and ROI analysis
- **Stakeholder & Vendor Management:** • Maintained strategic relationships with AWS account teams, staying current on new services, pricing models, and optimization opportunities • Facilitated cross-functional workshops between Engineering, Finance, and Operations teams to align technical decisions with financial objectives • Supported contract negotiations and vendor assessments, contributing to 15% annual savings through strategic procurement.

## **FBNQuest Merchant Bank | Senior Transaction Analyst | Feb 2019 – Sep 2022**

- **Financial Operations & Process Optimization:** • Led team of 6 analysts in processing equity trades, achieving 99%+ error-free execution through systematic quality controls • Implemented workflow optimization strategies reducing transaction processing time by 40% while maintaining regulatory compliance • Developed automated reconciliation processes using Bloomberg and proprietary systems, improving operational efficiency • Created comprehensive financial reporting dashboards using Excel and Power BI for senior management decision-making
- **Risk Management & Compliance:** • Performed KYC/AML due diligence using World-Check, optimizing client onboarding processes by 15% • Ensured strict adherence to SEC Nigeria and MiFID II regulations, contributing to 99.9% reduction in regulatory risk exposure • Implemented systematic risk assessment protocols and compliance monitoring frameworks

## **Additional Experience**

- **Zenith Bank PLC** | Deputy Branch Operations Manager | *Jun 2018 – Jan 2019*
- **DUFMA Integrated Agritech** | Project Manager | *Apr 2016 – Mar 2018*

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## **EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS**

Masters in Data Science & Analytics | Cardiff University

Bachelor of Technology in Management & Accounting | Ladoke Akintola University of Technology

### **Professional Certifications:**

- FinOps Certified Practitioner - FinOps Foundation
- AWS Cloud Practitioner - AWS Cloud Quest
- AWS Machine Learning Foundations & Introduction to Generative AI – AWS
- Introduction to FinOps - FinOps Foundation
- Alteryx Designer Core Micro-Credential – Alteryx
- Generative AI with AWS – Udacity

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## **TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES**

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**Cloud Platforms:** Azure (expert), AWS (expert), GCP (proficient),

**FinOps Tools:** Azure Cost Management, AWS Cost Explorer, GCP Cost Management, CloudHealth, Infracost, Terraform, AWS Config, Azure Policy.

**Analytics & Reporting:** Power BI, Advanced Excel/ G. sheets, Financial Forecasting, SQL, Python Azure DevOps, GitHub Actions.

**Automation:** Bash Scripting, Linux, API Integration, Infrastructure-as-Code Principles

**Project Management:** Jira, Asana, Trello, CI/CD, Agile methodologies.

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

The Operational Research Society | Candidate Associate | Membership No. 65050