

SHUJAT AZIM, CISM

Cloud, AI & Security Architect

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PROFILE

Cloud, AI and security architect with a decade of experience across regulated enterprises in the GCC and global technology organisations. Specialised in AI security and governance, Zero Trust and identity architecture, and multi-cloud security posture management aligned to NIST CSF, ISO/IEC 27001, CIS Controls, SABSA and TOGAF.

EXPERIENCE

Cloud and AI Security Architect

International Turnkey Systems (ITS), Bahrain | Apr 2026 - Present

- Enterprise cloud and AI security architecture across hybrid environments; Microsoft Defender suite (MDE, MDI, MDO, Defender for Cloud).
- Identity-first Zero Trust with Entra ID and Conditional Access; centralised security operations.
- AI security governance; security controls embedded in vendor onboarding and procurement; enterprise security strategy, roadmap and architecture governance.

Cloud Security Architect | Consultant

Ahli United Bank, Bahrain | Jul 2022 - Apr 2026

- Principal cloud security architect for a leading GCC financial institution; multi-cloud security architecture across Azure, AWS and GCP aligned to CIS Benchmarks, NIST CSF and banking regulatory standards.
- Led the cloud security posture management programme: automated configuration assessment, high-risk misconfiguration remediation and cloud security maturity uplift.
- Zero Trust across identity, data and workloads; Product Owner for HSM and Microsoft Purview/AIP; SABSA and TOGAF aligned reference architectures; DevSecOps integration into CI/CD.

Cloud Security & DevSecOps Engineer

Adobe, Noida, India | Sep 2019 - Apr 2022

- Security embedded into cloud infrastructure and DevOps pipelines at enterprise scale across Azure and GCP.
- Zero Trust across cloud workloads: identity-based access control, micro-segmentation, continuous verification.
- Application threat modelling in design; hub-and-spoke network architecture; automation with Ansible, Python and Bash.

Cloud Security Engineer

Accenture, Gurgaon, India | May 2018 - Sep 2019

- Azure infrastructure and security configuration for enterprise clients: NSGs, firewall rules, resource isolation.
- Identity and access governance: RBAC, service principal security, privileged access; Terraform and PowerShell automation; Azure security audits.

Cloud Security Analyst

HCL Technologies, Noida, India | Jun 2016 - Mar 2018

- AWS and Azure infrastructure, access management and security operations; IAM policy administration and least privilege enforcement.
- Secure baseline configuration, Azure Site Recovery, WAF and Application Gateway; PowerShell, Python and JSON automation.

CERTIFICATIONS

- CISM - Certified Information Security Manager, ISACA (Jul 2026 - Dec 2030)
- ISC2 CC - Certified in Cybersecurity, ISC2 (May 2026 - May 2029)

- CCSK v4 - Certificate of Cloud Security Knowledge, Cloud Security Alliance (Jan 2024)
- AI Security & Governance, Securiti AI (Nov 2025)
- LFS120: Conversational AI - Compliance and Risk Mitigation, The Linux Foundation (May 2026)
- Microsoft AZ-500 Azure Security Engineer Associate; AZ-400 DevOps Engineer Expert; AZ-104 Azure Administrator Associate

EDUCATION

- M.Tech, Data Science - BITS Pilani (2019 - 2022). Specialisation: Neural Networks.
- B.Tech, Computer Science - Meerut Institute of Technology (2011 - 2015).

SPEAKING

- Sovereignty Beyond Regions: Practical Azure/M365 Control Patterns - Cloud Security Alliance, UK Chapter AGM.