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Senior IT Infrastructure Manager with 10+ years of experience in banking, telecom, and industrial sectors. Expert in virtualization (VMware, Nutanix), enterprise backup & disaster recovery (Veeam, HP, Huawei), Linux/Windows systems, and cloud platforms. Proven record in building high-availability clusters, disaster recovery sites, and automation solutions that reduce downtime and costs. Certified in VMware VCP, Veeam VMCE, ITILv4, RHCSA, and CKA. Strong leader with experience mentoring teams and aligning IT strategy with business goals.

Key Skills

- Infrastructure Management • Virtualization (VMware, Nutanix) • Backup & DR (Veeam, Data Protector)
- Linux & Windows Administration • Automation (Ansible, PowerShell, Bash) • IT Security & Monitoring (Zabbix, PRTG, Graylog)
- Storage Systems (HPE 3PAR, Huawei Dorado, IBM, Dell) • Cloud & Microsoft 365 • ITIL Processes & Governance
- Leadership & Mentoring • Strategic IT Transformation • Stakeholder Management • Change Management • Vendor & Budget Management • Multilingual: English, Russian, Turkish, Azerbaijani

Experience

Yelo Bank – IT Infrastructure Manager | Baku, Azerbaijan | Jul 2025 – Present

- Lead System & Network Administration teams, ensuring security, performance, and compliance across core banking systems.
- Architected VMware NSX environment with secure micro-segmentation and dynamic routing.
- Implemented real-time monitoring (PRTG), improving uptime visibility and reducing incident response time by 35%.
- Directed DR planning and infrastructure upgrades aligned with business continuity and audit requirements.
- Mentored senior engineers and collaborated with executives on IT budgeting and vendor negotiations.

SOCAR Polymer – IT Infrastructure Team Lead | Sumgait, Azerbaijan | Sep 2024 – Jul 2025

- Managed cross-functional team delivering server, network, and user support for 500+ employees.
- Upgraded VMware vCenter/ESXi, improving performance and security across environments.
- Implemented Microsoft 365 & Azure migration, enabling hybrid collaboration.
- Automated Windows tasks with PowerShell, reducing manual workload by 25%.
- Established Zabbix monitoring, cutting downtime incidents by 40%.

Azerconnect Group – Senior IT Backup & System Administrator | Baku, Azerbaijan | Dec 2021 – Sep 2024

- Designed site-to-site Veeam backup architecture with rapid cross-DC recovery.
- Deployed Huawei Dorado OceanStore & HP tape libraries, enhancing storage resilience.
- Introduced FreeIPA for centralized Linux IAM and automated backup checks with Bash.
- Implemented Graylog + Zabbix monitoring, enabling proactive resolution of 90% of critical alerts.

Central Bank of Azerbaijan – Senior IT System Administrator | Baku, Azerbaijan | Dec 2018 – Nov 2021

- Built full Disaster Recovery site ensuring uninterrupted banking operations.
- Administered Nutanix & VMware HA clusters supporting core financial services.
- Managed HPE 3PAR storage and Red Hat Satellite for Linux lifecycle.
- Optimized backup schedules with Veeam, reducing RTO/RPO by 50%.
- Oversaw installation/configuration of servers (HPE, Dell, IBM, Lenovo).

Earlier Roles (2014 – 2018) – Central Bank of Azerbaijan & UNDP

- Progressed from IT Support Intern → Senior IT Support Specialist.
- Led Windows 7→10 migration, maintained LAN/WAN, and managed 1,000+ end-user devices.

Education

- MSc, Information Technologies & Systems Engineering – Azerbaijan University of Architecture & Construction (2015)
- BSc, Economic Cybernetics – Azerbaijan University (2012)

Certifications

VMware VCP • Veeam VMCE • RHCSA • CKA • LPIC-1 • ITILv4 Foundation • Microsoft MCP • Linux Essentials

Additional Activities

- Lecturer – UNEC Business School & Khazar University (2019–2025): Taught IT infrastructure, networking, cybersecurity.
- YouTube Content Creator – “Digitural” channel producing IT how-to videos.
- Volunteer – F1 Baku Grand Prix Recovery Marshall.