



Francesco Latini

Site Reliability & Platform Engineer

I started out as a PHP developer, switched to sysadmin work out of a *nix passion, and have spent the last 14 years in DevOps, SRE and platform engineering - for startups and large companies alike. Today I build the cloud infrastructure and developer platform behind AxoniQ's distributed, event-driven products: multi-cloud on GCP and AWS, everything as code in Terraform. I help engineering teams ship faster and sleep better.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Site Reliability Engineer - AxoniQ

10/2021 - Present · Contract

Utrecht, Netherlands · Remote

- Design, build and maintain the cloud infrastructure and developer platform powering AxoniQ's distributed, event-driven products across GCP (primary) and AWS.
- Own the Terraform codebase: modules for GCP projects, IAM, networking, storage and full environment lifecycle. Introduced Terraform and imported the pre-existing GCP estate into code.
- Operate and evolve the Kubernetes platform running AxonServer clusters, and develop the Go-based AxonServer SE/EE operator built on Kubebuilder.
- Build and maintain GitHub Actions pipelines for build, test and deployment across Java/Kotlin, Go and TypeScript services.
- Migrated and scaled the monitoring stack from a single VM to Kubernetes; own uptime and observability for production systems built on CQRS/Event Sourcing.
- Developer enablement: self-service environment provisioning and platform tooling that removed day-to-day friction for product teams.

Site Reliability Engineer - Realtainment GmbH

05/2020 - 09/2021

Berlin, Germany

- Built the company's Kubernetes clusters from scratch on DigitalOcean for the new product platforms.
- Designed the monitoring and alerting system on the ELK stack and owned alert quality.
- Worked alongside developers on writing and delivering better code to production.

DevOps Engineer - AUTO1 Group GmbH

02/2017 - 04/2020

Berlin, Germany

- Migrated the whole infrastructure from Linode/Rackspace to AWS: EC2, RDS (PostgreSQL and MySQL), ECS, S3, SES, SNS, SQS, Route 53 and Lambda.
- Managed infrastructure as code with Terraform, secrets in Vault and configuration management with SaltStack.
- Built the automation for provisioning RDS instances, users, grants, databases and schemas, and for restoring/trimming production backups into QA environments.
- Dockerized most services and moved them onto ECS, deployed through Jenkins.

SKILLS

CLOUD

GCP AWS DigitalOcean

CONTAINERS & ORCHESTRATION

Kubernetes Docker ECS

Kubebuilder

INFRASTRUCTURE AS CODE

Terraform Ansible SaltStack

Puppet Vault

CI/CD

GitHub Actions Jenkins Git

OBSERVABILITY

ELK stack SLO / SLI

On-call & alerting

LANGUAGES & RUNTIME

Go Python Bash PHP

SYSTEMS & DATA

Linux nginx PostgreSQL

MySQL Hadoop / HBase

ARCHITECTURE

CQRS / Event Sourcing

Microservices

Internal developer platforms

WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

DevOps Engineer - HostelsClub.com

01/2016 - 12/2016

Venice, Italy

- Migrated the website to AWS (EC2 + RDS), with instances managed by Ansible.
- Started breaking the old monolithic codebase into microservices.

DevOps Engineer - Quag

09/2012 - 12/2015

Padua, Italy

- Moved the codebase from SVN to Git and rebuilt every environment under Puppet.
- Deployed the Django frontend through Puppet - the first real DevOps practice I ran end to end.

System Engineer - Volunia

08/2010 - 09/2012

Padua, Italy

- Installed and configured every server and service across all environments of a search-engine startup: Apache Hadoop and HBase, httpd, Tomcat, HAProxy, nginx and MySQL.
- Ran large HDFS migrations and kept the cluster highly available.

System Engineer - WeTrade SIM S.p.A. / SORINT.lab

05/2007 - 07/2010

Parma & Bergamo, Italy

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4/5 and Sun Solaris 9/10 systems engineering for financial-services and enterprise clients.
- High availability with Veritas Cluster Server; started out writing PHP before moving fully to systems work.

PRODUCTS & SIDE PROJECTS

InPedana *Founder · 2026 - Present*

Web dashboard that turns Italian Rhythmic Gymnastics results into athlete- and club-centric career histories: ranking per competition, podiums, per-apparatus trends and year-over-year breakdowns. Built end to end - the scraper for public results, the identity resolver handling transcription variants and homonyms, the web app, the admin tooling and the production deployment.

Python · Flask · SQLite (WAL) · HTMX · Chart.js · nginx · systemd · Let's Encrypt

NutriFinder *Founder · 2026 - Present*

Sports-nutrition discovery platform for endurance athletes, making it easier for runners, cyclists and triathletes to find and compare gels, drinks and supplements. Handling product, technical architecture, go-to-market and growth.

OSDb *Founder*

An open, structured data layer for sports nutrition: indexed ingredient data and a public read-only API, starting with energy gels.

EDUCATION

Computer Science

Università degli Studi di Padova

2001 - 2006 · Padua, Italy

LANGUAGES

Italian

Native or bilingual proficiency

English

Full professional proficiency

German

Elementary proficiency

HOW I WORK

- Kubernetes is a tool, not a goal - a managed PaaS or a few VMs is the right answer more often than the industry admits.
- SLOs tied to real business outcomes, and alert hygiene that means fewer pages and more signal.
- Golden paths built on what a team already runs, not a greenfield rewrite.
- The point of good platform work is to leave a team better off without you.

INTERESTS

Triathlon

Trail running

Road bike

Powerlifting

Snowboard

Guitar

Books

Djent