

Lorenzo Girardi

Platform&Development Engineering Manager



PERSONAL DETAILS

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AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

Site reliability engineer

Datacenter management

People management

Business projects

Virtualization technology

Networking

Multi cloud architecture

Operating systems

High Traffic infrastructures

Monitoring

Observability

Kubernetes

PCI DSS

K-ISMS

GDPR

AI Act

Automation

Architecture

PERSONAL SUMMARY

#semi-serious

Always been passionate about technology, towards late 90's I was a regular on irc's exploit crew/clan channels I learned that I had to learn a lot more than just throwing an exploit. In the early 2000s, I lived on packetstormsecurity and the like.

Ignoring any advice from my family about continuing a profession "physical" of architecture (I was/am a surveyor), I enrolled at the University of Insubria with an IT address.

Once again what was delivered (thanks to Italian universities) was very far from the needs of the world of work.

I started gaining experience in an Italian e-commerce company (eprice srl), here I learned how everything I studied was 90% ineffective.

I divided myself between user support (helpdesk), internal server room, and production servers ...

The helpdesk part made me understand that machines were better than humans (I don't know if you can define a skill)

Looking for new motivations, but also a remuneration able of making me survive, I took advantage of the body rental to see different realities and with very varied orders of magnitude.

I then come to the most exciting experience that hasn't finished yet, in 2011 I land to bravofly.

The company is in strong growth going from a startup to something more. In front of me, I had very different technologies used in another way from the "usual"

Here I begin to deal first of all with the windows infrastructure that manages the .net applications

I take advantage of the ability to interact with the Linux layers to continue the exploration of the open-source world that I have always followed.

After a few years, I manage to have my dimension and the ability to impact the changes, from there to a few years I acquired the necessary confidence to manage a technical team as a team leader

As I grew older, I noticed that I was able to be happy seeing my teams deliver results

I, therefore, accepted a managerial position following +12 people

During these 3 years, everyone remained alive, no one was mistreated, and apparently, they are also happy with the work done together.

Lately, I've felt the need to focus on the architectural part of the infrastructure, moving from manager to architect, to lead the infrastructure overall, datacenter on-prem, cloud, and third-party solutions amalgamating product and technology in a common direction, reducing business "follies", create flows and processes that can lead to innovation in compliance with pci/gdpr , good sense...

Infrastructure as a code

Digital Transformation

Monolith to microservices

AI Transformation

Enterprise architecture design (infra & code)

Applications contracts (frameworks)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Technically minded

Pro-active

Analytical

My work is also my hobby

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

java – tomcat – jboss – springboot –
javamelody – jmx

.net – iis – sql server – cluster
WSFC – alwaysON – iis ARR –
cluster NLB

node – fastify – express – nextjs

apache – mod balancer – mod proxy
balancer – mod jk – mod cluster

nginx – vts module – ingress –
traefik – kong – haproxy

vmware esxi – veeam backup /
replication

rhev – ovirt – proxmox

AWS - from landing zones to single
managed services

Azure - GCP - OracleCloud

puppet – jenkins – pipeline –
rundeck – spacewalk - ansible –
terraform – packer - spinnaker

Monitoring – nagios handlers – cacti
– grafana – collectd – telegraf -
statsd - influxdb – carbon – graphite
– prometheus – cortex - loki

ldap – active directory – bind –
domain trust – domain hierarchy -
adfs – oauth - saml

chanting for "keep it simple" and "If it isn't there, it can't break" and other buzzwords

Then a new experience, for the chance to build everything from scratch, not a small challenge: no internal resources, only an idea ... a very clear idea on paper and blueprints (draw.io addicted) ... then reality.

Not a digital transformation: a transformation of people, towards a different way of looking at the product than the one they were used to. Not only the layout, but the speed to get there and make it visible. Not standards for the sake of the word, but the ability to reproduce new things quickly ... well ... the site is up, now they are microservices, divergency is minimal, every operation runs in cicd, and I'm quite satisfied.

Going back? Well, too easy to say it now, but I would change something ... and not because of the technology, but because of the kind of transformation that was thought (perception) to be in progress, something you only understand after many months of feeling, context building etc etc

And now? Now there is AI ... an immense pile of marketing buzzwords hiding the reality of large language models ... if you know how they work and how to use them, they will be part of a transformation too.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Platform engineering manager – Gucci

March 2024 - present

Principal infrastructure engineer – Gucci

Oct 2023 – March 2024

Building the platform practice from scratch: team, cloud landing zone, developer contract and AI foundations.

Duties:

- Started from zero and created two teams: one to take over the as-is estate that had no coverage and improve it, one invested in the new AWS foundation
- Migrated the as-is estate to AWS through the AWS MAP program
- Designed a multi-account AWS landing zone structured by business domain
- Centralized connectivity on a transit gateway shared by every account, for clean communication and security segmentation
- Built the EKS clusters and the service consumption framework based on IRSA, assume role and resource-based policies
- Created a platform contract for development, driving microservices to immutable container standards with full scaffolding up to helm
- GitOps operations with argocd
- Security by sca, sast, falco and kyverno to avoid (and track) any divergency
- Metrics, log and trace framework on open standards, adaptable to enterprise software like dynatrace, datadog or open ones like grafana
- Created a way of working oriented not only to support, but to improvement
- Created an error budget framework to discipline the time spent on improvements
- Created the AI pilot: litellm, grafana, langfuse, langgraph
- Created the AI adoption model

openvpn – strongswan – openswan
– site to site – road warriors – traffic
shaping – traffic inspection

k8s – kubernetes – docker –
flanneld – etcd – service mesh –
apigw – containerd – kubespray –
hpa - autoscaling

llm – rag – vectordb – mcp – agents
– langchain – langgraph – aigateway

- Created the framework for AI components
- Cilium policy model for AI components
- On-behalf-of permission model based on RFC 8693 (OAuth 2.0 token exchange)

SRE Platform architect – lastminute.com (BravoNEXT sa)

Nov 2022 – Oct 2023

SRE Team Manager – lastminute.com (BravoNEXT sa)

Jan 2019 – Nov 2022

SRE Team Leader – lastminute.com (BravoNEXT sa)

May 2016 – 2018

System administrator – lastminute.com (BravoNEXT sa)

Jan 2012 – mid 2016

Acting as manager and technical lead to identify and implement new projects in a large heterogeneous environment.

Duties:

- Shape the infrastructure environment and drive teams to strive for success
- Design new technology to improve the business, with technology abstraction to make the usage easy
- Planning and building with KPI and milestone roadmap
- Infrastructure as a code with the most useful tool based on company strategy / teams / engagements
- Sponsoring “keep it simple”, “If it isn't there, it can't break” and design for failure
- Sponsoring observability to create SLI SLO SLA, and awareness of the products
- Roles mindset oriented based on MS Active directory, adfs , openldap, oauth
- Linux and Windows server orchestration
- Virtualization infrastructure based on rhev/ovirt and vmware
- Kubernetes infrastructure management on-prem / hybrid /cloud, extensive knowledge of kubernetes and microservices
- Network management ipsec open source strongswan , openswan and cisco and fortinet
- PCI DSS management and improvements
- Analysis and advantages of hybrid cloud

System administrator – Luxury Goods International LGI sa

contractor Temera sa 2011-2012

contractor IT Time sa 2010-2011

managing and responsible of end users tools , vpn cisco, active directory structure , lotus domino server and a first level contact for as400

Duties:

- Managing Mail Server Domino
- Management of mobile service on Blackberry
- Configuration and management VPN Cisco
- Active Directory management GPO
- AS400 jda , jd Edwards

System administrator – Eprice srl
2008-2010

System administrator CED Gallarate and business farm Milano

Duties:

- Management remote data center on Colt (Milano) iNET (Settimo Milanese)
- Configuration windows and linux server based on vmware esx4 and esxi 4.1
- Deploy and configuration windows server 2000, 2003, 2008 standard enterprise for business solution
- Deploy and configuration linux server for advanced internal solution (samba server, hw monitoring, performance monitoring, web employee portal , vpn server)
- Iscsi and fiber storage configuration and management
- Configuration and management of workstations working on Windows Xp e Windows 7.
- Server backup management tape DELL
- Network develop for company and other 30+ corner site

OTHER LANGUAGES

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Interaction	Production	
English	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
French	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

EDUCATION

- 2003-2008
*Università degli studi dell'Insubria facoltà di informatica
Information technology*
- 1997- 2002
Pier Luigi Nervi I.T.Geometri

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