Shahrouz Lahiji

Solutions Architect – Hybrid Platforms

Overview

I am a Data Center Specialist and Technical Trainer with a strong Virtualization, Networking, and Cloud Computing background. I have a Bachelor of Science in Informatics from University of Jönköping and hold VCIX-NV, VCIX-DCV, CCNP, Microsoft Azure certifications and extensive knowledge and experience in virtualization, cloud computing and network.

I have over 14 years of experience starting and developing as a system administrator from the basic to a well-developed Solutions Architect. In addition, I have worked as both Virtualization Administrator, Senior data center consultant in small and global environments.

Professional Certificates

CompTIA Certified Technical Trainer - CTT+ (ComTIA ID: COMP001021689939)

VCIX-NV (VMware Certified Implementation Expert/ VMware ID: VMW-01541473G-00503010)

VCIX-DCV (VMware Certified Implementation Expert/ VMware ID: VMW-01541473G-00503010)

VMware Cloud Foundation Specialist (VMware ID: VMW-01541473G-00503010)

Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP Routing & Switching – Cisco ID: CSCO10807794)

Dell Technologies Cloud Platform Implementor (Dell ID: DELL569282)

Microsoft Certified Trainer – 2010 – 2022 (Microsoft ID: 2891818)

Azure Administrator Associate (Microsoft ID: 2891818)

Azure Network Engineer Associate (Microsoft ID: 2891818)

Education

Bachelor of Science in Informatics – University of Jönköping, Sweden (2007 - 2010)

Technical Skills

- Extensive experience in the design, implementation, administration and troubleshooting of virtualization and storage infrastructure, including:
    - VMware vSphere, vRealize Suite, vSAN, VMware NSX, VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF)
    - Hyperconverged Infrastructure; Cisco Hyperflex, DellEMC VxRACK and DellEMC VxRail
    - Hybrid Cloud solution design based on VMware VCF, VMware Cloud on AWS and Azure VMware Solution (AVS)
- Professional experience level on Public Cloud infrastructure including Microsoft Azure and AWS.

Experience

Solutions Architect
January 2020 - date

ATEA Sverige Hybrid Platforms - Sweden

Role: I am responsible for helping customers solve their challenges by designing and implementing suitable data center infrastructure services and cloud solutions at ATEA. I also assist our most important accounts after solution implementation. In addition, I actively work on the following solutions.

- VMware virtualization environment including VMware vSphere, VMware NSX, vSAN and VMware Cloud Foundation (VCF)
- Designing hybrid cloud solutions based on VMC on AWS and Azure VMware Solution (AVS).
- Supporting the VMware, DellEMC and Cisco sales team to formulate suitable solutions according to customer's strategy and requirements.
- Formulate and lead design workshops for customer engagements.
- Training customers and internal staff on VMware vSphere, VMware NSX, Cisco Hyperflex, Cisco UCS and Azure VMware Solutions.

Author/Content Developer
March 2022 - date

Pluralsight

Role: As a Author on Pluralsight, I develop video training on Data Center related technologies.

Blogger/Author
December 2019 - date

vElements.net

Role: As a Co-blogger on vElements.net, I document and post blog articles around VMware NSX and SDDC and related Cloud technologies like Azure VMware Solutions (AVS).

Senior Datacenter Consultant
March 2018 - Dec 2019

ATEA Sverige Hybrid Platforms - Sweden

Role: For more than three years, I was responsible for leading Infrastructure projects. I was also in Virtualization and Storage implementation team at ATEA and responsible for:
- Designing and implementing VMware virtualization environment including VMware ESXi, vCenter Server, NSX, and Site Recovery Manager (SRM).
- Designing and implementing Hyper-Converged Infrastructure (HCI) solutions including VMware vSAN, DellEMC VxRACK/VxRAIL and Cisco Hyperflex

Infrastructure Team Lead / Network Engineer   Sep 2010 - Feb 2018

Role: For more than eight years, I was responsible for leading Infrastructure projects. I was also in Network and Virtualization implementation team at Paaydar Networks and responsible for:

- Installing and configuring VMware ESXi server, vCenter Server and HA / DRS cluster.
- Implementing and optimizing VMware Distributed vSwitches and PVLAN.
- Installation and configuration of EMC VNX and HP EVA storage solutions.
- Install a new Microsoft Domain infrastructure next to the old and configure services: AD, DNS, DHCP, GPO, CA and a new Microsoft Exchange mail server
- Training colleagues & customers on VMware vSphere, NSX, EMC VNX and HP SAN courses.

System Administrator   Aug 2003 - July 2007

Role: I was responsible to install, configure and support the Microsoft Windows Server environment including;

- Installing and configuring Windows Server 2000 & Windows Server 2003. -

    Implementing and optimizing Microsoft Active Directory & Windows Services -

    Installation and configuration Compaq & HP Servers.

- Install a new Microsoft Domain infrastructure next to the old and configure services: AD, DNS, DHCP, GPO, CA and a new Microsoft Exchange mail server

Language Skills

English – Fluent in speaking & writing (IELTS certificate with score 8 out 9 - C1 level)
Swedish - Professional working proficiency
Persian – Mother tongue and fluent in speaking & writing