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Re: DevOps Specialist (Systems Analyst 3) — Job Requisition 83492

Dear Hiring Committee,

I am writing to apply for the DevOps Specialist position with the Platforms branch of Digital Design and Delivery. As a final-term Computer Science student at the University of Alberta with only two courses remaining and a working release pipeline behind a live Alberta business, I am ready to step into full-time work and would be excited to do it building common platforms that serve Albertans.

For the past year I have been the founding software engineer and de facto DevOps lead at lustrservices.ca, an Edmonton-based cleaning startup. I designed and operate the entire release pipeline myself: three-tier branching (dev → staging → main) on GitHub Actions and Vercel, two required PR gates, automated hotfix back-port, and forward-only Supabase migrations that block promotion against half-migrated schemas. The platform handles real customer PII and payments, so the security and privacy posture is mine to own — 95 Postgres Row-Level Security policies, least-privilege service accounts, secret rotation, Stripe webhook signature verification, and data-handling aligned with Alberta PIPA expectations. That experience maps directly to the standards, security, and configuration work this role expects.

I want to be straightforward about one gap: I have not personally published applications to the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. What I have done is run the analogous release and publishing discipline for a public-facing platform — submission standards, environment-parity checks, vendor-policy compliance, and the documentation that lets non-author teammates ship safely. I also administer multi-tenant cloud accounts across Vercel, Supabase, Stripe, and Cloudflare, and have hands-on familiarity with Google Workspace and Microsoft 365 administration. The platform-specific App Store and Play Store policies are concrete and well-documented; I am confident I can come up to speed quickly given the rest of the foundation in place.

On the AI fluency the posting emphasizes: I use Claude, ChatGPT, and GitHub Copilot daily for drafting, log triage, and automation scaffolding, and I have built personal workflows in n8n. I take the “critical assessment of outputs” part seriously — I have been burned often enough by confident-sounding AI suggestions to verify against source before acting, especially when accuracy, accessibility, or sensitivity is on the line.

Beyond Lustr, my academic and team projects show range: I co-led an MLIR/LLVM compiler that finished first in its course and was presented in an academic exchange with HSBI Germany, and I served as product owner on a 7-person agile team delivering a multilingual reading platform for SFU Linguistics with WCAG accessibility, an 80% test-coverage gate, and Docker-based CI/CD. Both projects required me to translate technical work into clear guidance for non-engineer stakeholders — a skill the responsibilities list explicitly calls out.

I would welcome the chance to discuss how my background fits the Platforms branch’s work. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kevin Deveau