

Abdul Kazi

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• Canadian Citizen

Cloud Architect with 10+ years of consulting experience with expertise in Microsoft Azure and Microsoft Entra ID
Abdul is a Microsoft Azure Most Valuable Professional (MVP) and co-host of the “Come cloud with us” user group

Area of Expertise

- Identity and Access Management (IAM)
- Role-base Access Control (RBAC)
- Conditional Access
- Azure IaaS
- Privilege Identity Management (PIM)
- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)
- Single Sign-On (SSO)
- Azure PaaS
- Identity Governance and Administration (IGA)
- Cloud Infrastructure Entitlement Management CIEM)
- Passkey Authentication
- Zero Trust Architecture

Experience

2023 – 2005

Cloud Identity Architect | N8 Identity | Remote

Identity and Access Management (IAM) professional services project for the *Province of British Columbia, Canada*

Technical Leadership: Provide technical leadership and strategic direction for Microsoft Entra ID Entitlement Management and Microsoft Entra ID Governance

Cross-Functional Collaboration: My role is to act as a bridge between technical and non-technical stakeholders, and facilitate effective collaboration across the organization to integrate IAM controls into business processes

Technical Demos & POCs: Lead Microsoft Entra ID demos and develop proof of concepts (POCs) to showcase solution capabilities and drive customer engagement

Risk Management and Compliance: Assist the team with the privacy impact assessment (PIA) and security treat and risk assessments (STRA)

Project Delivery: Design and implement Microsoft Entra ID solution as defined in the statement of work (SOW)

2023 – PRESENT

President | KazTech Consulting | Remote

As an Independent consultant, I provide pre-sales and post-sales consultancy services on public cloud technologies

2022 – 2022

Pre-Sales Solutions Architect | OpsGuru | Remote

Assisted the sales team as a technical resource to understand customer’s business and technical challenges

Acted as a trusted advisor and education customers on AWS and Azure cloud technologies

Wrote statement of work (SOW) with level of effort table based on customer’s business and technical requirements

Attended customer events and spoke at various meetups

2021 – 2022

Azure Solutions Architect | FX Innovation | Remote

Conducted Azure Enterprise Landing Zone review and provide recommendations based on the findings

Conducted Azure workshops to analyze current state and identify gaps between current and required state
Defined future state solution architecture by writing a Detailed Solution Architecture (DSA)
Assisted Cloud Specialist with the high-level plan to achieve future state based on the clients' requirement
Conducted training to educate clients on new Azure services.

2019 – 2021

Cloud Solutions Architect | Ingram Micro Cloud | Mississauga, Ontario – Canada

Assisted Microsoft Azure and Amazon AWS partners with architecture and design
Provided partner training and enablement on Azure & AWS
Delivered AWS Immersion Day Enablement webinar
Delivered webinars on Azure solutions such as Windows Virtual Desktop, Azure Migrate etc.

2018 – 2019

Solutions Architect | MBC Managed IT Services | Richmond Hill, Ontario – Canada

Acted as a “Virtual CIO” on behalf of the customer to provide strategic and tactical guidance
Acted as a Business Analyst to translate business requirements into technical requirements
Participated in deep technical discussion to ensure customer's requirements are solicit for designing an on-premises or a hybrid cloud infrastructure
Designed customer solution while incorporating a mix of vendor partner products to achieve the business goal
Collaborated with sales team to formulate and execute a sales strategy to exceed revenue targets
Assisted sales team with all technical aspects of the sale during the sales cycle
Conducted hands-on deep dive training to educate current and prospective customers on new technologies
Acted as a customer facing technical consultant supporting account managers and sales team.

Education

DEC 2012

Master of Science in Information Systems, MSIS | Virginia Commonwealth University | Richmond, Virginia – U.S.A.

Certifications

CCSP - Certified Cloud Security Professional – Currently going through the Udemy course
Microsoft Certified: Identity and Access Administrator Associate (SC-300) (active)
Microsoft Certified: Azure Solutions Architect Expert (AZ-305) (active)
Microsoft Certified: Azure Security Engineer Associate (AZ-500) (active)
Microsoft Certified: Azure Administrator Associate (AZ-104) (expired)

Awards

2024

Microsoft Azure Most Valuable Professional (MVP)
Entra ID Champion (badge)
Microsoft Community Advocate (badge)
Microsoft Community Contributor (badge)

Speaking

I am an active Azure community speaker and co-host of the “Come cloud with us” user group