

Şuayip ÖZMEN

CTO | Cloud & DevOps | Hands-On Engineering Leader

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ABOUT

Engineer, founder, and technology leader with deep experience building and scaling engineering organizations from scratch. Co-founded Testinium, driving its growth from the first line of code into the largest test automation company in the region, with 800+ employees at exit. Skilled in building cloud platforms from the ground up on OpenStack and AWS, developing engineering teams that stay together for years, and partnering directly with enterprise customers from architecture to delivery.

WORK EXPERIENCE

CTO | [Wodo Network](#) | Dec 2023 – Present | Zug, Switzerland · Remote

Blockchain gaming platform with \$3M in funding.

Joined as Head of Engineering, taking ownership of DevOps and AWS cloud architecture, and was later promoted to CTO after leading the adoption of AI-first engineering practices and platform operations.

- Built and operated production AWS serverless infrastructure (ECS Fargate, Lambda), DevOps, observability, and deployment workflows with Terraform
- Designs system architecture and writes production code hands-on, from backend services to blockchain node and custody wallet operations
- Built an AI-first engineering culture where manual coding is minimized, standardized on Claude Code and Cursor; no code enters the repository without an accompanying plan document
- Automated code review and testing processes through skills and agents
- Technical team and project management, business development and partnerships

CTO | [DT Cloud](#) | Mar 2022 – Dec 2023 (1 year 10 months) | Istanbul, Turkey · Hybrid

Digital transformation company building a multi-region alternative cloud in Turkey, based on OpenStack.

- Architected and operated cloud infrastructure across 5 data centers, including a dedicated finance cloud region built for regulatory compliance
- IaaS, PaaS, S3-compatible services using OpenStack and Kubernetes
- Designed multi-region backup strategy, geo-replication, and disaster recovery plans
- Built and led the cloud organization from the ground up, scaling it to 100 people, with three directors reporting directly — Solution (migration and customer onboarding), Infrastructure, and Service Delivery
- Established ITSM processes, service delivery, managed services, and support organizations
- Managed vendor and partner relationships, including sourcing, contract and pricing negotiations
- Actively supported the full sales cycle, leading technical demos, POCs, and migration scoping with enterprise clients

Co-Founder & CTO | [Testinium](#) | Sep 2013 – Mar 2022 (8.5 years) | Istanbul, Turkey

Co-founded and scaled Testinium into the largest test automation company in the region, with more than 800 employees at exit. Built as an AWS-native SaaS platform from day one, serving 100+ enterprise customers including more than 10 banks and top-tier e-commerce platforms across Turkey.

- Designed and built the product from scratch as a cloud-native, AWS-based SaaS platform using Java and Spring
- Developed a platform on top of a custom Selenium Grid that orchestrates thousands of tests in parallel and manages hundreds of mobile devices
- Tech stack: AWS (ECS Fargate, RDS, S3, Kinesis, EMR, Lambda), Spring Boot, MongoDB, ElasticSearch, Redis
- Built [Loadium](#), a SaaS-based load testing product capable of generating load from millions of concurrent users, used to run Black Friday load tests for Turkey's largest e-commerce platforms and recognized in Gartner reports
- Delivered on-premise deployments for financial institutions with a dedicated support team, across customer stacks including OpenShift, Kubernetes, Oracle, and Windows
- As the company scaled, transitioned into full CTO leadership, with software development, support, and system & network managers reporting directly

Java Developer | **Sigorta Bilgi Merkezi** | *Nov 2010 – Nov 2012 (2 years)* | *Istanbul, Turkey*

SBM is Turkey's central insurance data hub processing millions of policy and claims records nationwide. Contributed to enterprise-grade applications integrated with multiple government agencies including the Undersecretariat of Treasury.

Technologies: Java, Spring, Weblogic, Oracle.

Java Developer | **Uygun Teknoloji** | *Jul 2008 – Oct 2010 (2 years)* | *Istanbul, Turkey*

Developed web applications for small and medium companies using Java, JBoss Seam, Hibernate, JSF. Worked on accounting and financial software infrastructure projects.

Volunteered as a developer for Pardus, the national Linux distribution of Turkey. Contributed to open source projects including Tekir and Mestan.

CORE EXPERTISE

- Cloud Infrastructure: building private cloud from the ground up with OpenStack, AWS, high-availability architecture, cloud network security, disaster recovery, and backup strategy
- Platform Engineering & SaaS Architecture: large-scale distributed systems, microservices, event-driven architecture
- DevOps & Infrastructure as Code: Terraform, Kubernetes, Jenkins, GitLab CI/CD
- Enterprise Pre-Sales: technical demos, POC delivery, architecture workshops with C-level stakeholders
- Engineering Leadership: building and scaling teams from 0, organizational design, ITSM
- Blockchain & Web3: multi-chain node operations, custody wallet management, and on-chain infrastructure across ETH, BSC, SOL
- Languages & Frameworks: Java, Spring Boot, Node.js, TypeScript, NestJS; SQL and NoSQL databases
- Observability: New Relic, ELK Stack, distributed monitoring

EDUCATION

Marmara University — Computer Science Engineering, 2004–2010

LANGUAGES

Turkish: Native | **English:** Fluent (spoken and written)

OTHER

Sailor with captain-level credentials, racing team member in Istanbul. Regular speaker at tech meetups on cloud, test automation, and digital transformation. Passionate about the intersection of technology, history, and human behavior.

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