

GERMAN MONTALVO YÉBENES

Lead Product Engineer | Developer Platform | Platform Engineering

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PROFILE

Platform engineering leader with 17+ years in infrastructure, automation and cloud-native systems, combining deep hands-on engineering with product and market experience. Currently leading Kubernetes/OpenShift platform architecture and delivery across hybrid environments, with a strong focus on GitOps, CI/CD, infrastructure as code, observability, security, reliable application delivery and developer experience. Earlier roles in product and technical marketing add practical product and market literacy through customer insight, competitive intelligence, product positioning, GTM strategy and cross-functional decision-making. Comfortable turning ambiguous requirements into architecture, implementation, documentation and operational ownership while mentoring engineers. Currently extending platform expertise into AI infrastructure and operations through NCA-AIIO preparation.

CORE STRENGTHS

DEVELOPER PLATFORM: Kubernetes, OpenShift, GitOps, ArgoCD, Helm, Kustomize, Quay, developer experience	PRODUCT & MARKET: customer insight, product positioning, GTM, competitive intelligence, market analysis
DELIVERY & AUTOMATION: Tekton, GitHub Actions, Jenkins, Terraform, Ansible, CI/CD	TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP: technical direction, requirements, mentoring, documentation, workshops, cross-functional collaboration
RELIABILITY & OBSERVABILITY: Prometheus, Grafana, OpenTelemetry, ELK, system monitoring	ENGINEERING & SYSTEMS: Python, Bash, APIs, AWS, Azure, Linux, containers, distributed/HA systems, AI infrastructure learning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Technical Lead, Platform Engineering — Version 1

Jul 2025 - Present | Seville, Spain

- Set technical direction for containerised platforms using Kubernetes and OpenShift, while remaining hands-on in architecture, deployment and production operations.
- Translate ambiguous platform requirements and developer needs into HLD/LLD designs and scalable implementation plans across hybrid infrastructure.
- Build and standardise application delivery workflows with GitOps and DevSecOps practices using ArgoCD, Tekton/GitHub Actions, Kustomize, Helm and Quay.
- Own platform concerns spanning ingress, HAProxy/load balancing, security policies and observability, with a high bar for reliability, traceability and operational clarity.
- Provide technical leadership, mentoring and clear implementation guidance while helping teams make sound trade-offs and take greater ownership of platform decisions.

Platform Engineer — Version 1

Feb 2024 - Jul 2025 | Seville, Spain

- Built and operated hybrid on-prem/cloud Kubernetes and OpenShift infrastructure, automating provisioning and configuration with Terraform and Ansible.
- Implemented CI/CD and GitOps workflows with Tekton, GitHub Actions and ArgoCD to improve deployment consistency, repeatability and traceability.
- Maintained ingress and load-balancing layers and implemented Prometheus/Grafana observability to improve platform reliability and security.

Co-organizer — Cloud Native Sevilla (CNCF)

Nov 2024 - Feb 2025 | Seville, Spain

- Co-organized the CNCF Sevilla community chapter, supporting knowledge sharing around cloud-native technologies and engineering practices.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - CONTINUED

Senior Product Marketing Manager — Camunda

Jul 2023 - Dec 2023 | Remote

- Led competitive intelligence and market analysis to inform product and GTM decisions, including competitor tiering, SWOT analysis, positioning and target personas.
- Worked across Product, Sales and Pre-Sales on release and GTM activities, translating technical capabilities into clear customer and business value.
- Led the marketing side of product releases and moderated webinars, panels and events, strengthening cross-functional product communication.

Technical Marketing Manager — SUSE

Mar 2022 - Apr 2023 | Worldwide

- Acted as a technical product expert across Kubernetes, Rancher, Terraform, Prometheus, OpenTelemetry and SLES, bridging engineering, product, marketing and customer-facing teams.
- Gathered customer feedback, created technical documentation/whitepapers and supported product launches, sales enablement, webinars and conference sessions.

Architect, Portfolio Field Enablement — Red Hat

Apr 2020 - Mar 2022 | Worldwide

- Provided technical leadership across OpenShift and cloud-native architecture, spanning on-prem, AWS and Azure deployments, containers, security, cluster management and automation.
- Worked closely with customers from requirements discovery through post-deployment support, influencing architectural decisions and recommending solutions aligned to technical needs.
- Created technical content, delivered workshops and contributed to open-source/community initiatives; technologies included Kubernetes, OpenShift, Terraform, Ansible, Prometheus, ACS, ACM and Kafka.

Cloud & DevOps Consultant — Red Hat

Jun 2017 - Apr 2020 | EMEA

- Implemented complex OpenShift/Kubernetes, Linux and container platforms; automated delivery with Jenkins, Git, Ansible and Terraform and integrated systems through APIs.
- Implemented observability with Prometheus, Grafana and ELK; acted as a cross-team technical expert and delivered customer workshops to technical and non-technical audiences.

IT Architect — BEEVA

Apr 2016 - May 2017 | Madrid, Spain

- Designed and automated infrastructure and data-platform solutions with Ansible, Python and Bash across OpenStack, MongoDB, Elasticsearch, MySQL/Galera and PostgreSQL.
- Built CI with Git/Jenkins and reproducible test/development environments with Vagrant and Docker.

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Telefónica: Database Administrator (2015-2016); Senior Linux Administrator (2012-2015) | Oracle/MySQL, Linux/Unix, HA clusters, Ansible, Python/Bash, 24x7 production support.

Randstad: IT System Administrator (2008-2011) | HP-UX, Oracle, storage/SAN, high availability, Python and shell automation.

Arcitel Ibérica / Tecnomcom: Network Administrator (2008) / IT Support (2007) | Network/IT operations, monitoring, configuration, incident response and automation.

CERTIFICATIONS & CREDENTIALS

Cloud Native & Observability: Getting Started with OpenTelemetry (LFS148) - The Linux Foundation - September 2025; Kafka 101 (Confluent Developer) - Confluent - September 2025

Product: Product Marketing Foundations - LinkedIn - August 2023

Red Hat: Red Hat Certified Specialist in Hybrid Cloud Management - Red Hat - Earned March 2018; Red Hat Certified Specialist in Ansible Automation - Red Hat - Earned December 2016; Red Hat Certified System Administrator (RHCSA) - Red Hat - Earned June 2017

Additional: Ethereum Blockchain Developer Bootcamp With Solidity (2023) - Udemy - November 2023

In progress: NVIDIA Certified Associate: AI Infrastructure and Operations (NCA-AIIO) - Preparation in progress

Additional training: Scalable Microservices with Kubernetes - Google; Python 3; M102: MongoDB for DBAs; MySQL Cluster - High Availability; MySQL for Database Administrators; PostgreSQL Administration

Leadership & community development: Emerging Leaders - Growth Mindset - Matthew Syed; Build or Optimize Your Community - Jono Bacon, 10-week live masterclass

EDUCATION

Miguel de Mañara - Bachiller, Computer Systems Networking and Telecommunications (2004-2006)

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native / bilingual | **English:** Professional working proficiency

COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION

Cloud Native / Developer Community: CNCF Sevilla co-organizer; conference and webinar speaker; technical workshops, documentation, whitepapers and community content across Red Hat and SUSE