Ezekiel Mbatha Principal Solutions Architect

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PROFILE SUMMARY

- **Principal Solutions Architect** with **15 years** in integration and cloud work, leading solution design on **$2M to $15M programs** for **energy, healthcare and retail clients**.
- Hands-on with **cloud** (**AWS**, **Google Cloud**), **integration** (**MuleSoft**, **Apache Kafka**), **data** (**Snowflake**, **PostgreSQL**) and **IaC** (**Terraform**), certified as **AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Professional**.
- Known for **multi-year target architectures**, **fixed-fee estimates** and **design authority across several vendors**, using **TOGAF** and **architecture decision records** to keep every choice traceable.
- Works with **client CIOs**, **account leads**, **delivery directors** and **AWS and Google Cloud partner teams** from the first pursuit to the last release.
- Reviews the architecture on large pursuits for the Austin team and mentors **4 senior architects** toward principal.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Cloud Platforms:	AWS, Google Cloud, Amazon EC2, AWS Lambda, Cloud Run
Integration & APIs:	MuleSoft, Apache Kafka, Amazon EventBridge, REST APIs, GraphQL
Data Platforms:	Snowflake, PostgreSQL, Amazon DynamoDB, BigQuery
Security & Identity:	Okta, OAuth 2.0, AWS KMS, HIPAA, PCI DSS, NERC CIP
IaC & Containers:	Terraform, Kubernetes, Docker, GitHub Actions
Architecture Methods & Tools:	TOGAF, AWS Well-Architected Framework, C4 model, Architecture Decision Records, Lucidchart
Certifications:	AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Professional, Google Cloud Professional Cloud Architect, TOGAF Enterprise Architecture Practitioner

EDUCATION

University of Cape Town — **B.Sc. (Hons) in Computer Science** — Cape Town, South Africa · Feb 2007 to Dec 2010

Amazon Web Services — **AWS Certified Solutions Architect - Professional** — Remote · Jun 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Slalom — Principal Solutions Architect — Austin, TX · Mar 2018 to Present

- Led discovery and the target architecture for a Texas utility's customer platform, mapping **140** systems and a 3-year roadmap that retires its mainframe billing in 5 releases.
- Designed the AWS landing zone and HIPAA controls for a hospital group's patient app across 2 Regions with a 1-hour recovery target, and it held **99.95%** availability in its first year.
- Designed the MuleSoft and Kafka layer for a retailer's order management replacement, connecting 26 systems and cutting order sync errors from 3.1% to **0.2%**.
- Wrote the solution and fixed-fee estimates on **$38M** of won proposals with account leads, each backed by a run-cost model and a build-vs-buy comparison.
- Held design authority across 4 vendors on a $15M utility program, approved 60+ design changes through ADRs, and the program hit **all 5** release dates.

Whole Foods Market — Software Engineer to Integration Architect — Austin, TX · Jul 2011 to Feb 2018

- Moved store price updates from an overnight batch to hourly API calls for **400+** stores, designing the link between point-of-sale and the central pricing system.
- Wrote the first API standard for **14** internal teams, covering OAuth 2.0, versioning and error formats.
- Sized and costed the servers and licences for a new integration hub, which came in **$400K** under the approved budget.