# MAX KULIK

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## EXPERTISE

Cloudflare

Veeam / Blackblaze

System Administration

Proxmox / VMWare / Nutanix

DevOps

AI Integration / Workflows

MySQL / MSSQL

Nginx / Traefik / Apache

Azure AD / Active Directory

Entra / Intune

Scalable Data Storage

Linux Administration

HIPAA / SOC2 / ISO 27001

Full Stack Development

Fortinet / Firewall Security

## CAREER SUMMARY

Results-driven IT Professional with a robust foundation in infrastructure design, systems administration, and cross-functional project leadership. Adept at driving complex technical initiatives from concept to execution, including full-scale migrations and business-critical recovery efforts with a consistent focus on minimizing downtown and maximizing operational efficiency. Recognized for building IT departments from the ground up and translating organizational needs into scalable, secure and cost-effective solutions. Brings a hands-on, solutions-first mindset backed by a deep commitment to continuous learning and innovation.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR**                                        SEPT. 2024 – PRESENT
Bell Ambulance

- Managed multi-site Active Directory Forest environments, implementing Group Policy Objects to standardize and secure user and system configurations
- Led security and compliance initiatives, enforcing HIPAA standards and deploying two-factor authentication
- Spearheaded ransomware recovery operations, minimizing data loss and restoring full functionality with minimal distribution
- Developed and automated enterprise-wide data reporting dashboards using Grafana Enterprise, increasing visibility into system performance and trends
- Provided advanced, on-call support for field and emergency response teams, ensuring seamless access to critical IT systems in real time

**SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR / IT CONSULTANT SPECIALIST**            JULY 2022 – SEPT. 2024
The VanderBloemen Group

- Built internal IT Department from the ground up, establishing documentation, infrastructure and SOPs to support scalable growth
- Oversaw IT operations across multiple locations, managing 100+ endpoints using Microsoft Identify and Intune with NinjaRMM
- Designed and maintained cloud-based infrastructure to improve performance and support remote teams
- Led all technical aspects of acquisition integrations and migrations with zero business interruption
- Implemented KnowBe4 training program, partnering with executives to identify and train high-risk staff
- Collaborated with networking team to deploy Fortinet IPSec tunnels and firewalls across 11 locations

**IT CONSULTANT**                                                JUNE 2018 - PRESENT
Slinger Super Speedway | 2025

- Deployed and migrated a new website serving 500k+ customers annually, while engineering a cost-effective bandwidth strategy that optimized delivery of 5TB+ data per year
- Directed cross-functional collaboration during a company sale, aligning owners, former stakeholders and marketing to ensure a seamless technical transition
- Conducted a technical value requirement analysis for business-critical operations

Frank Gillitzer Electric Co. | 2024

- Led cost-optimized workstation upgrades and migrated legacy systems to modern infrastructure, extending lifecycle value while improving reliability and security
- Implemented redundant backup policies using Proxmox Backup Server and S3-compatible cloud storage, ensuring disaster recovery readiness

Park Meadows Home Association | 2023

- Built Azure-based cloud infrastructure to support digital operations and data access
- Developed security protocols and a documentation library to meet evolving business and leadership needs

Pole Factory MKE | 2021

- Delivered an end-to-end sales and scheduling platform with Twilio SMS alerts, Sendinblue SMTP email and Stripe integrations, while advising on server hosting and infrastructure strategy

Blue Line Auto Sales & Service | 2020

- Developed a custom WordPress inventory management application integrating MySQL and automated DevOps workflows, optimizing listings and image performance through Cloudflare

USI Drilling | 2018

- Deployed a responsive PHP website and oversaw office workstation upgrades, deployments and migrations